

If you are building a fence or deck, planting a new garden or tree or starting any project where you need to dig, you first need to know where your underground facilities are buried. Click Before You Dig is FREE and will keep you, your family and your community safe.

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Click Before You Dig at least **three (3) full working days** before you plan on digging. You will receive a locate request ticket that lists all USP registered facility owners with underground facilities near your work site.

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Wait for locates to be completed

Representatives from each facility owner listed on your ticket will contact you. They may advise you are clear of their facilities and can proceed with your work, visit your property to mark out their underground facilities, or schedule a time to meet you at the dig site. Wait until you have heard from **all** facility owners listed on your ticket before starting your work.



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Identify any other underground facilities

Underground facilities like water and sewer service lines, sprinkler systems, or power to a shed are considered customer owned. Facility owners are not able to identify the locations of these lines. Ensure you know where all customer owned facilities are on your property to avoid them when digging.

Not all facility owners are registered with USP. You will need to contact non-registered facility owners directly.

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Dig with care

Facility owners will provide you with written instructions about digging safely near their underground facilities. If you are digging within one metre on either side of the markings or five metres from high pressure pipelines, you must carefully expose the lines with hand tools. Review the information facility owners provide to ensure you are following their guidelines when digging.

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The depth of pipelines can change over time due to soil compaction or removal, natural settling, wind, water erosion and floods. It is imperative to know what's below by having lines located.

Pipelines run all across Alberta

Signs typically indicate there are pipelines in the area, but do not show the exact location and depth. There is no way of knowing what ground deterioration has occurred since installation. Other pipes and cables may be installed at shallower depths where low depths of cover over the pipes have occurred over time.

Rupturing a pipeline can lead to consequences far beyond the immediate risk of injury or death, causing severe damage to the environment and communities.

Other consequences include the social costs of supply loss, major inconvenience, and the responsibility for damages, repairs, reclamation costs and provincial fines.

Farmers and rural landowners with pipelines on their property are permitted to carry out normal farming activities from seeding in spring to harvesting in fall. **However, they are required to obtain written consent when working within 30m (metres) of a pipeline right-of-way (ROW).** Activities on ROWs include, *but are not limited to:*

- **Any excavation or ground disturbance that removes or adds soil cover within 30m of a pipeline, including the ROW.**
- Fencing, driving posts, auguring
- Landscaping, sodding, topsoil
- Trenching, ditching
- Brush/tree/stump removal
- Maintaining dykes/culverts
- Driveways, private roads, lanes
- Land levelling, grading, lease projects
- Building Structures (retaining wall, shed, garage, pool, etc.)
- Drainage projects, installing irrigation systems
- Underground facility maintenance (Water/Sewer, electrical, gas, oil, etc.)
- Ploughed-in cable
- Snow removal
- Large mowers
- Use of especially heavy equipment

Contact the pipeline owner directly when planning any of the above activities.

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