

Don't Forget: Call Before You Dig

Call Before You Dig is a free service that prevents dangerous and costly accidents by helping you stay clear of underground utilities. Klickitat PUD customers are reminded to use this service every time they dig—whether planning a major construction project or landscaping the yard.

At least 48 hours before digging or excavating, call 811 or (800) 424-5555, or visit www.callbeforeyoudig.org and enter your locate requests online.

This service is available 24 hours a day. When calling, be prepared to give the following information:

- Your name and phone number.
- The location of the site where you plan to dig. A street address and specific directions help. The site must also be marked with white spray paint so we know exactly where you plan to dig.
- The type of work you plan.
- The date you plan to begin.

The notification center will contact all appropriate utilities in Klickitat County, including Klickitat PUD. Utility representatives will respond and mark the locations of their underground utilities.

KPUD's representatives for electrical lines are Tim Garrigus, Bernie Predeek and Dan Charters. They respond to the center's requests and mark the underground power lines, cables or conduits, and lighting cables with red spray paint.

Did you know Klickitat PUD provides water and wastewater services to many communities throughout the county?

Water and/or sewer lines are maintained by the PUD in Glenwood, Klickitat, Lyle, Dallesport, Roosevelt, Wishram and the areas of Ponderosa

Park and Rimrock in Goldendale.

If you are digging in one of these communities, a member of the PUD water wastewater crew—Rod Kiser, Tim McMurrin, Howard Sinor, Brandon Walter or Greg Watson—will respond and mark the appropriate water and sewer lines. Water is marked in blue, and sewer and drain lines are marked in green.

Getting these lines marked prevents digging equipment from hitting or cutting off power, water, phone, cable, sewer or gas lines.

Within two feet of the spray painted marks, take special care and dig by hand. Accidental contact with any of these lines can result in serious injury.

“Any time you disturb the earth, you run the risk of accidentally digging into underground power lines, sewer and water mains, cable TV lines or other services,” says Assistant Engineer Mike Blumenstein. “When you want to get started on a project, it can be a nuisance to wait for two working days while utilities mark their services. But those two days can save your life.”

Each year, the PUD receives more than 1,300 of these location requests county-wide. This service is dedicated to protecting citizens and construction personnel who work around utilities, as well as safeguarding the underground infrastructure of your community.

Call before beginning any excavation to prevent damage to underground facilities, service interruptions and bodily injury.

Work safely this season. Remember to call before you dig. ■



Howard Sinor marks water lines for KPUD.



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**