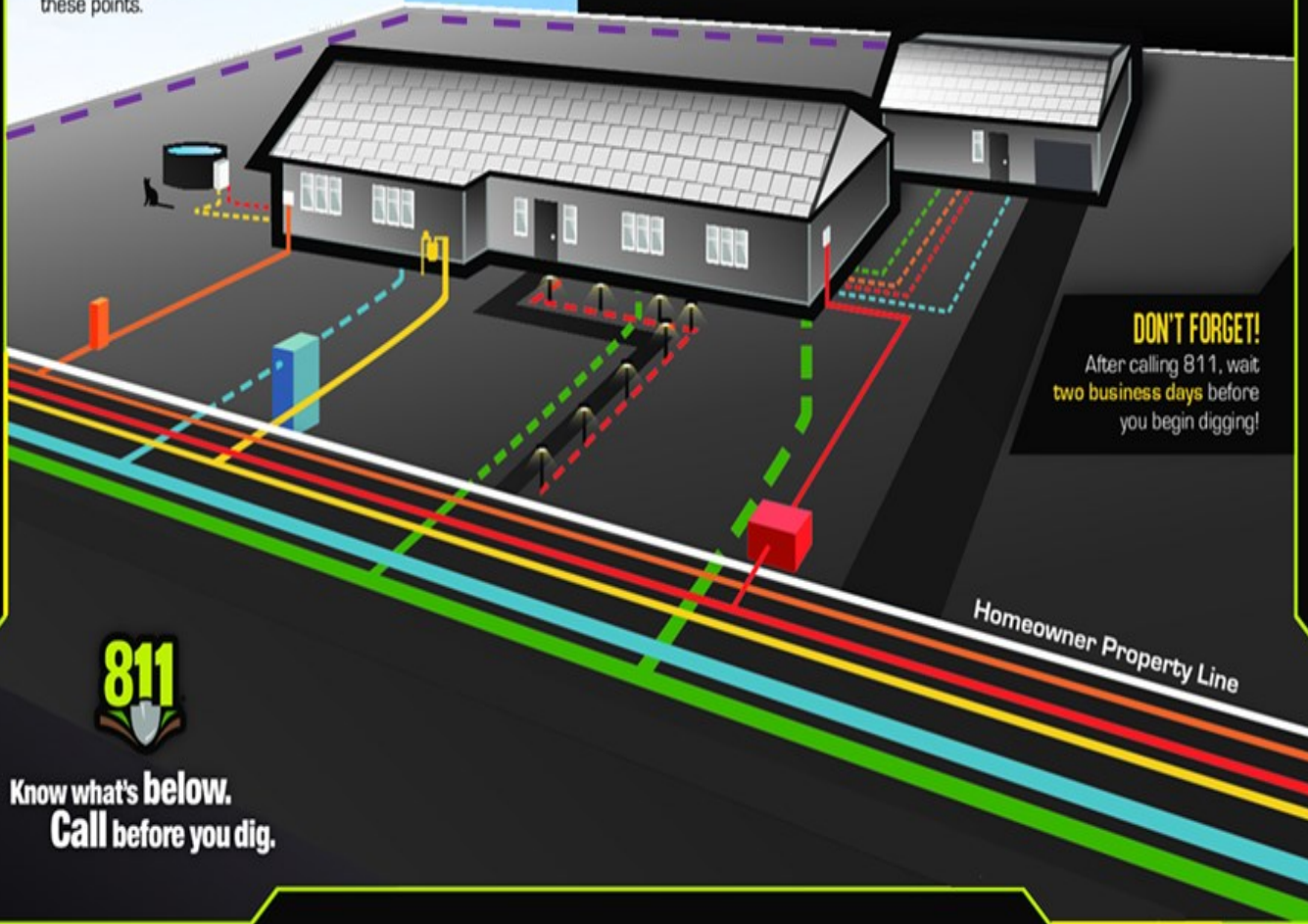


Water, natural gas, and residential electric lines are usually owned by the utility up to the meter. Some sewer districts own only the mains; others extend their ownership to laterals up to the property line. The customer typically owns everything beyond these points.

The free locating service available through 811 applies **ONLY** to facilities owned by utilities. The diagram below shows a variety of utilities, some owned by the utility and some by the homeowner.

	WATER		ELECTRIC
	SEWER		PHONE AND CABLE
	GAS AND OIL		IRRIGATION



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## DAMAGE PREVENTION BOARD

<https://damageprevention.dbs.idaho.gov>

# Guidelines for Safe Digging

Pre-mark with white water soluble paint the area you are planning to dig. This will show the locators the affected facilities that need marked.

**Call 811.** The one call center will contact all member facility owners with service lines on the proposed excavation site.

Wait 2 full business days after the day you call for a request before digging.

Do not dig until all known facilities are located.

Hand dig within twenty four (24) inches each side of the underground facility markings. Do not assume depth.

Call for an updated locate after twenty one (21) days of first locate request.



## Training



### AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION COLOR CODE

PROPOSED EXCAVATION	SURVEY MARKS
ELECTRIC, POWER LINES	GAS, OIL, STEAM, CHEMICAL
CABLE, COMMUNICATION	SEWER, STORM DRAIN
IRRIGATION	POTABLE WATER

Training material is provided on the Damage Prevention Board website.

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Under the training tab, you are given links to the Common Ground Alliance Best Practices Guide, 811, and Intermountain Gas Company's Safety Presentation.

## Private Lines

Utility companies do not locate private lines. You must pay a private locator to mark these. Private lines include water lines (between the meter and the house), sewer lines (from the edge of property to the house), sprinkler irrigation systems, power to wells and detached garages, etc. You can find a list of "private line" locators for the state of Idaho on DigLine's website.

[www.digline.com/homeowners/private-lines-public](http://www.digline.com/homeowners/private-lines-public)

