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Dig Safely. CHECKLIST

- 1** Call Miss Utility at 1-800-257-7777 at least 48 hours prior to work.
- 2** Allow the required time for utilities to mark underground lines.
- 3** Contact Ticketcheck at 1-866-821-4226, 48 hours after calling to verify ticket status.
- 4** Respect and protect all marks and flags.
- 5** Excavate with care. Take all reasonable actions to properly protect, support and backfill underground utility lines.
- 6** Immediately notify the utility if an underground utility line is damaged.
- 7** If damage creates an emergency, take immediate steps to safeguard life, health and property.

Please check with your individual jurisdiction for waiting times and specific digging guidelines.

One Strike and We're All Out Use Caution When Excavating Near Gas Mains and Services

Damaged gas lines are expensive and dangerous. Careful excavation, proper support and backfill around gas lines is important in maintaining safety and reliability of gas service.

If your excavation exposes a length of gas pipe greater than that listed below for more than one day, call the Damage Prevention Unit of the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, at **410-291-3634** so that we can make certain the pipe is safely supported.

PIPE SIZE	CAST IRON Exposed Length	PLASTIC OR STEEL Exposed Length
Less than 3"	none	15 feet
3" to 4"	4 feet	32 feet
6" to 8"	5 feet	44 feet
10" to 12"	7 feet	52 feet
16" to 20"	10 feet	53 feet
24" and larger	12 feet	46 feet

When backfilling, make sure dirt under and around the pipe is tamped firmly to make certain no damage is caused by trench settlement after covering.

If the pipe coating or tracer wire is damaged, please call BGE so that proper repairs can be made. There is no charge for this service. ❖

Before you dig, call Miss Utility – 1-800-257-7777 – It's the Law.

BGE's Damage Prevention Unit Hits the Road

As part of BGE's ongoing effort to educate the excavating community on safe digging practices and the Maryland Miss Utility Law, BGE would like to attend your next safety or communication meeting. We have qualified personnel equipped with extensive practical experience and training aides to educate your workforce. From executive leaders, project managers and general foremen, to equipment operators and laborers, we can provide you precisely the person to meet your needs. We can conduct the training at your facility and we can schedule the training for a date and time convenient for you. If you like, the training can be tailored to your needs.

Many in the excavation and construction fields have already been trained by BGE. Feedback has been extremely positive.

Please contact **Tom Baldwin (410-291-3121)** or **Jack Sullivan (410-291-3304)** for more information or to schedule your training. You'll be glad you did. ❖

For more information on damage prevention and what to do before you dig, visit www.bge.com and click on the Education and Safety tab.