

How To Check For Underground Utilities



- When planting trees/shrubs and/or installing irrigation, before digging it is important to check for any underground utilities.
- How you do this depends on whether you are on private property, or a public (parkway).
- Follow the guidelines to prepare.

Let's get started

Private Property

- When planting on private property check for both water and gas meters.
- Utilize TreePeople's Assessment Tool to locate and chart where they are located.

Public Right-of-Way (Parkway)

- When planting trees/shrubs and/or installing irrigation, before digging notify DigAlert.
- DigAlert is a one-call notification center that serves as a communications link between you and the owners of underground utilities.
- DigAlert will notify all utilities that own and maintain underground lines in your area.
- They mark the lines they own and maintain. They will not mark any private lines.
- Follow the guidelines to prepare.
 - Plan to call at least two (2) full working days before you plant to start digging.
 - Have the answers to the questions on the right. These will help guide you when speaking to personnel on the phone or submitting your information on-line.

– Call 800-227-2600 or 811 or go online at www.digalert.org.

DigAlert will mark any underground utilities to be avoided, at NO COST.

DigAlert Questions

1. Your name
2. Address
3. Phone number
4. Fax and Email
5. Best time to reach you
6. How you will delineate where you will be planting (chalk, flags, stakes, etc.)
7. Your County and City
8. If there are more than one address, list the additional addresses
9. Day and time planting will begin
10. Permit #s for trees being planted on parkways



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