

Dig Safe Checklist

Never leave digging to chance

RESPECT THE MARKS

Whether you're building a fence or digging a garden, hitting a buried natural gas line can cause serious injury and expensive repairs. Before you start your work, follow these steps to keep you, your family and your community safe.

Planning your project



1 Prepare the project details you'll need for your locate request

- Your name and address.
- Expected project date.
- The type of project (fence, pool, etc.).
- How you plan to dig (by hand or machine).
- How deep you're planning to dig.

2 Submit a locate request

Visit [OntarioOneCall.ca](https://www.ontarioonecall.ca) or call **1-800-400-2255** at least five business days before starting your project. It's free and it's the law. If you're working with a contractor, ensure they request a locate.

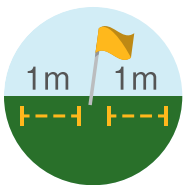
3 Wait for underground utilities to be marked

Locators will visit your home and mark the approximate location of natural gas and other buried utility lines with flags or temporary paint.

4 Locate any private lines on your property

If you, or a previous owner, installed your own private lines, such as a natural gas line that runs from your house to a pool heater or barbecue, you'll require a locate from a private locate company. There is a charge for this service.

Digging safely



5 Keep a safe digging clearance

Avoid digging within one metre of either side of the locate markings. If your project falls within the one metre "tolerance zone" you must first dig by hand.

6 Always dig around a natural gas line by hand

When working within the tolerance zone, use a spade or a shovel to slowly and carefully expose the line. If using machinery, never dig within one metre of the line.

After completing your project



7 Backfill the area around the natural gas line

Gradually place the soil that was dug out by hand and gently press it in as you refill. Make sure the soil is free of rocks and sharp objects.

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