

**ATTENTION:  
CONTRACTORS, DEVELOPERS, HOMEOWNERS &  
ENGINEERS**

**STOP!! "CALL BEFORE YOU DIG" !!**

**Before you start any excavation work call Underground Service Alert,  
(U.S.A.)**

You may want to start a large trenching job, dig a post hole, or a swimming pool, but do you want to cut off electricity, telephone, water, gas, TV, or other important underground facilities in the process? That could happen if you start digging before checking the location of underground facilities with U.S.A.

To avoid this costly inconvenience, or the possibility of a severe accident, call U.S.A., the toll-free notification center, at least 2 working days before you dig. When you call U.S.A. at 1-800-227-2600, you will reach a coordination center for all participating members. All the participating members that have facilities in your work area will be notified of where you intend to dig.

U.S.A. may be new to you so here is how it works!! Outline your proposed excavation area in white paint. If you are planning to dig in the State of Nevada, or California, call 1-800-227-2600, between the hours of 6AM to 7PM (Pacific Standard Time), Monday through Friday (excluding holidays), 2 working days before you plan to dig. A trained operator will answer your call and ask the information on page 10 of 10.

You will next be given a ticket number so if you ever have any occasion to call U.S.A. or other utilities about this particular excavation you can refer to the ticket number for ease of identification.

**PLEASE REMEMBER, YOUR LOCATION REQUEST IS GOOD FOR 14 DAYS ONLY.**

Your excavation information will be transmitted to the participating organizations that may have underground facilities at that location. Each participating organization will, in accordance with their location policy, provide information about or locate and identify the location of its facilities by staking and or marking the horizontal paths on the surface in uniformity with the U.S.A. color code. These color codes have been adopted for use by all U.S.A. members.

				
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## U.S.A. Color Codes

<u>COLOR</u>	<u>FACILITY</u>
RED	ELECTRIC STREETLIGHTING TRAFFIC SIGNALS
YELLOW	GAS OIL STEAM CHEMICAL
ORANGE	COMMUNICATION/CATV
BLUE	WATER
GREEN	SEWER STORM DRAIN
PURPLE	RECLAIMED WATER
PINK	TEMP. SURVEY MARKINGS
WHITE	PROPOSED EXCAVATION

Please try to preserve your location marks as long as possible to avoid remarks within the 14 day period.

After you call U.S.A., you should contact directly any non-participating underground organizations that serve your area. As in the past, U.S.A. does not provide location service for engineering design work. Please refer these requests to the individual agencies involved.

Emergencies during normal working hours of the center will be processed as promptly as possible. Emergencies after center closing hours should be called directly to the organizations whose facilities are involved. *If you experience a life threatening situation please call 911 or the local fire department.*

U.S.A. saves you time and money, reduces damages to underground facilities, promotes safety on your jobs, and helps you comply with the State of Nevada Occupational Safety and Health Standards for the construction industry.

**Sierra Pacific**  
POWER COMPANY



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Due to the tremendous success of the U.S.A. program, which began in 1975, U.S.A. has been able to progressively expand throughout Central and Northern California, and the entire States of Nevada and Hawaii.

If the U.S.A. program is to be totally successful, one call must reach all underground operators. This is where you come in!!!

**EXCAVATORS:**

If you are an excavator working in the States of California or Nevada, call 1-800-227-2600, two (2) working days before you dig and let U.S.A. contact all participating members. This will save you valuable lost production time.

Remember, "**CALL BEFORE YOU DIG**" is the law. Let's all join together and help U.S.A. make our communities a safer place to live and work in!!!

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**USA North Ticket Form**  
**811 / 1-800-227-2600**  
**Call 2 Working Days Before You Dig!**



Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Industry: \_\_\_\_\_

Company's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

What County is your work being done in? \_\_\_\_\_

Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (2 working day notice required) Start Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Working For: \_\_\_\_\_

As required has site been premarked? \_\_\_\_\_ Premarked method used? \_\_\_\_\_

Permit Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Permit #: \_\_\_\_\_

Foreman's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Field Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your excavation include boring, if so what type? \_\_\_\_\_

Type/Nature of Work: (auguring, drilling, grading, ripping, trenching, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Will Explosives be used at your work site? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you intend to use vacuum equipment instead of hand digging to determine the exact location of our member's underground facilities? \_\_\_\_\_

Digsite Place (City or Community): \_\_\_\_\_

Digsite Types: Address(s) between 2 nearest Sts, Street between 2 nearest Sts, Street & nearest St, Intersection, or Bounded by Area that contains no Streets; include side of street, footages, other tie in measurements, or lat/long in NAD 83 CONUS decimal format). \_\_\_\_\_

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Will the excavation enter into the street or sidewalk area? \_\_\_\_\_

Ticket#: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Expires: \_\_\_\_\_ Update by: \_\_\_\_\_

Calling hours are from 6am-7pm Mon - Fri excluding weekends and the following holidays: New Year's Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Day after Thanksgiving, and Christmas. USA North takes excavation notices in Central / Northern California and Nevada. Each ticket is active for 28 calendar days in California and 14 calendar days in Nevada from the date they are called in. If you excavate and damage facilities prior to our member's response, you may be liable for those damages. After our members have responded to your request, it is your responsibility to notify USA North if you need our member(s) to re-mark their facilities. To minimize graffiti we recommend the use of spray chalk by excavators and operators to identify their excavation site or subsurface installations respectively.



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