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Did you know that Americans consume more than 700 million gallons of petroleum products every day in the form of gas, diesel fuel, heating oil and jet fuel? Much of the petroleum you use is transported through underground pipeline systems. In addition to these types of pipelines, there are thousands of miles of other buried utility lines such as electrical, fiberoptic, sewer and storm drains.

For your safety, markers are used to show the approximate location of the buried pipeline or utility line and the companies that own them.



If you are not aware of any buried utilities in your area:

1. Check for markers posted nearby.
2. Check your property records at your County Clerks office.
3. Mark down the name and phone number on the marker for further reference in case of an emergency.
4. If you are planning to dig on your property or the adjacent area, call first so that qualified personnel can assist you in locating the utility line.

If there is evidence of a leak at the pipeline such as a pool of liquid on the ground, a vapor cloud, an unusual noise or smell, leave the area immediately and call 911 from a safe distance. Never mess with gasoline, fuel or natural gas leaks. These utilities can be as deadly as they are useful.

Remember, call before you dig !

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