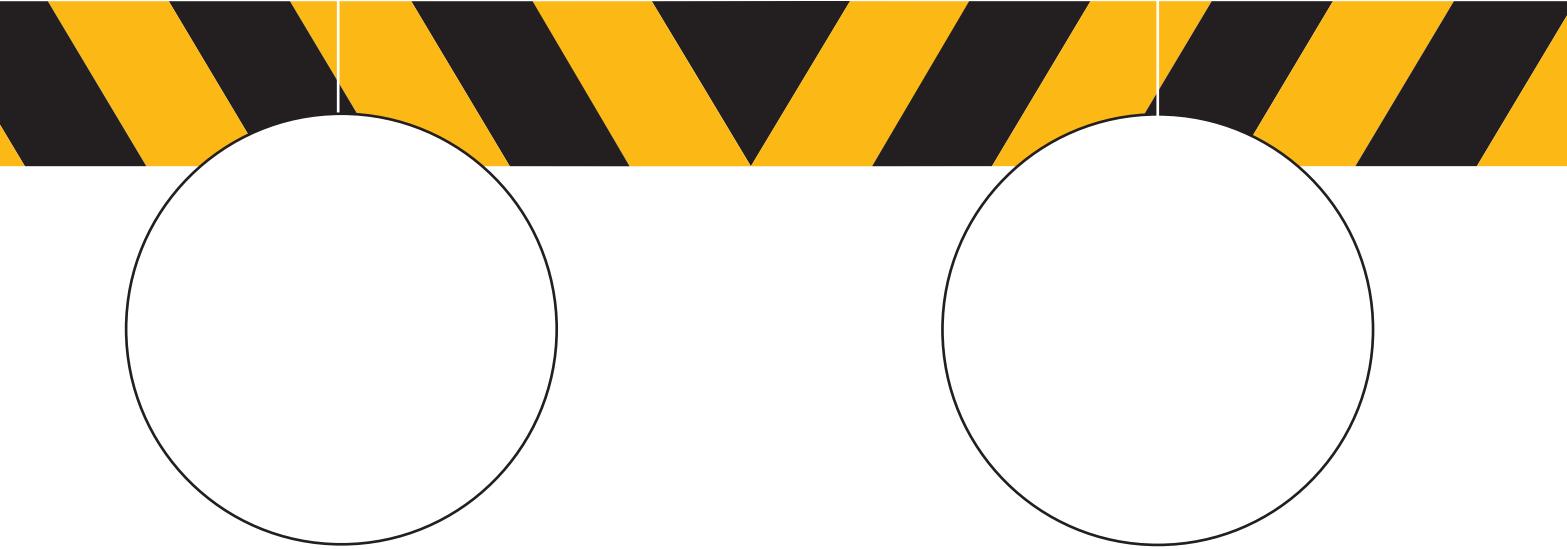


WHAT THESE FLAGS STAND FOR.



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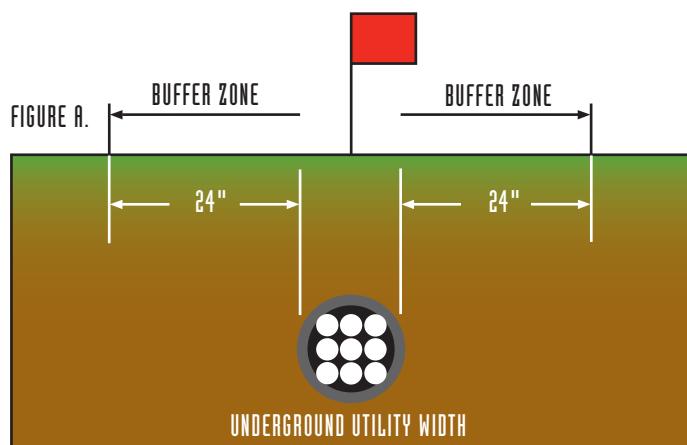
To prepare for future digging or excavating on your property, color-coded markings and flags have been placed to locate underground utility lines. They have been requested either by you or by a utility or private contractor. And they've been placed there for the protection of your family and property.

If you called the Utilities Protection Center and made this request, thank you. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Please follow these safe digging practices to help prevent injury and keep your utilities from being interrupted.

- Do not disturb or alter the markings or move the flags.
- If you must mow, cut around the flags. Don't mow over them.
- Imagine a line that extends from one flag or mark to the next. **Do not dig within 24 inches (2 feet) of either side of this marking.** (see Figure A)

However, if you must dig within this buffer zone:

- Don't use picks or mattocks.
- When using a shovel, keep face of blade parallel to and pointing away from the "flag line."
- When using posthole diggers, keep the opening between blades pointing in the same direction as the utility lines.
- In hard compacted soils, pothole to the side of the locate marks and collapse the soil into the hole while digging towards the marks.



If you do any digging in the future, keep this information handy.

Before you dig on your property - whether you're drilling, building a deck or fence or simply tilling a garden - the law requires you to contact the Utilities Protection Center of Georgia at least 48 hours before you start. This is the official statewide notification center. We contact member utilities who send locators to mark underground lines before you dig. The service is free. Whether you call or go online, just remember to provide:

- Name, area code, phone number, address, city, county and nearest cross streets.
- Type of work to be done and how long it will take.
- Date and start time digging is scheduled to begin.
- If any work will be within 10 ft. of overhead high voltage power lines.
- Contractor/contact person and phone number.
- Where on the property you want marking done.
- Specific directions to your home - landmarks, etc.

	Proposed excavation
	Temporary survey markings
	Electric power lines, cables, conduit and lighting cables
	Gas, oil, steam, petroleum or gaseous materials
	Communication, alarm or signal lines, cables or conduit
	Potable water
	Reclaimed water, irrigation and slurry lines
	Sewers and drain lines

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