



# Field Guide – Digging Operations

1. Have you called 811 for locates?	NO	DO NOT DIG
YES		
2. Did you wait the required amount of time according to state law (2 or 3 days)?	NO	DO NOT DIG
YES		
3. Are all utilities listed?	NO	DO NOT DIG
YES		
4. Have you taken Pre-dig pictures?	NO	DO NOT DIG
YES		
5. Did you physically expose the utility in a safe manner?	NO	DO NOT DIG
YES		
6. Did you use a vertical indicator to mark the offset, location, and depth of the utility?	NO	DO NOT DIG
YES		
7. Will your digging stay outside of the 2 ft. plus ½ the diameter of the pipe tolerance zone?	NO	FULLY EXPOSE UTILITY FOR VISUAL CONFIRMATION
YES		
8. Carefully begin digging		
9. Have locate marks been destroyed?	YES	CALL FOR "REFRESH"
NO		
10. Is your locate ticket expire within 4 days?	YES	CALL FOR REMARK
NO		
11. Carefully continue dig operations?		
12. Use flags, whiskers, etc. to mark utilities at ground level.	Protect and support any exposed utilities.	

*This field guide is only a tool to assist you in managing your responsibility to maintain safe premises, practices, operations and equipment, and is not for the benefit of any other party. The checklist does not cover all possible hazardous conditions or unsafe acts that may exist, and does not constitute legal advice. For decisions regarding use of the practices suggested by this checklist, follow the advice of your own legal counsel.*

*AGC of America disclaims all forms of warranties whatsoever, without limitation. Implementation of any practices suggested by this program or presentation is at your sole discretion, and AGC of America or its affiliates shall not be liable to any party for any damages whatsoever arising out of, or in connection with, the information provided or its use.*