

## **Safely Dig in your Landscape**

Before digging to plant a tree, install irrigation lines or any form of building in your landscape, always call Texas Excavation Safety System (TESS), 1-800-344-8377 at least two days before digging. They will come out and mark any underground utility wires, cables and pipes. This service is free.

They will mark the ground with colored flags to indicate where and what utilities are underground. You do not have to be home when TESS comes to mark the lines but make sure your entire yard is accessible to them.

The codes for the markings are as follows:

If the markings say “OK” in orange and red and the flags are bent over, it means there are no utilities and it is safe to dig.

White is for proposed excavation

Red for electric power lines

Yellow for gas, oil and related materials

Orange for communication lines, cables or conduit

Blue is for potable water

Purple for non-potable or reclaimed water

Green is for sewer lines