



## CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

**City of SeaTac, Wash. May 10, 2013**– Each year the SeaTac Fire Department responds to calls for ruptured residential natural gas lines as people work on sprinkler systems, install fence posts, or do other common below-ground projects. Hitting these lines can result in injury, death, property damage, and disruption of services. In addition, you may be liable for any damage to utilities you cause.

On a national basis, there are over 200,000 reports of utilities being hit and damaged annually.

Utility lines include:

- Electrical
- Natural gas
- Sewer
- Cable TV
- Water

What can residents do to protect themselves and their property? Call before you dig.

Any time you plan on digging more than 12 inches (one foot) deep, you must call 8-1-1 or 1-800-424-5555, first. By making this call at least two business days before you dig, you will alert utility companies in your area of your intent and allow them to mark their underground lines on your property.

This call is required by RCW 19.122. There is no charge for the marking of utilities to homeowners. The cost is paid for by the utility companies to help prevent damage to their buried lines.

When you call you need to provide the following information:

- Address where the work will be done
- Description of the work
- Location of the dig at the address
- Date of the planned work

Do not take a chance. Follow the law and call before you dig. For more information, you can also go to the 8-1-1 website [www.callbeforeyoudig.com](http://www.callbeforeyoudig.com).

### **About the City of SeaTac:**

Incorporated in February 1990, the City of SeaTac is located approximately midway between the cities of Seattle and Tacoma. The City of SeaTac is 10 square miles in area and has a population of 27,110. The City of SeaTac is a vibrant community, economically strong, environmentally sensitive, and people-oriented. The City boundaries surround

the [Seattle-Tacoma International Airport](#), (approximately 3 square miles in area) which is owned and operated by the [Port of Seattle](#). For more information contact Jeff Robinson, economic development manager, at (206) 973-4812.

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