

Digging or Excavating? Arizona law has changed.

Beginning September 12, 2026, excavators must white line the proposed excavation area before submitting an Arizona 811 locate request.

White lining helps utility owners and locators identify where digging is planned so underground facilities can be located and marked accurately.

What is white lining?

White lining means marking the proposed excavation area using white paint, white flags or white chalk.

Remember the Safe Digging Sequence

1. White line your excavation area.
2. Submit your Arizona 811 locate request.
3. Wait for responses from utility owners
4. Dig safely

Important

The white-lining requirement generally applies to excavation work throughout Arizona. A limited exception exists for individuals performing excavation on single-family residential property they own or occupy. Contractors working on residential property are still subject to the white-lining requirement.

Enforcement is expected in 2027.

Learn More

Questions about Arizona's new underground facilities law may be sent to:

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