

Safety Precautions:

Before starting the process of cleaning out a sewer line, remember to:

- Call 811 and request an emergency ticket to get the underground facility lines for the property marked;
- Inquire with the owner, occupant or building maintenance people to determine:
 - *The location of the sewer facilities such as clean outs,*
 - *If there has been any recent excavation to install underground facility lines.*
- If the markings for existing underground facility lines cross the path of a sewer line, it may be a cross bore that is causing the blockage.
- Use a camera to identify the location of the blockage. If the evidence of recent excavation or the marking for a facility line is the same distance from the building as the blockage, again, there may well be a cross bore causing the blockage.
- If you reasonable suspect or determine the blockage is caused by a cross bore,
 - *Do not attempt to clear the blockage with a mechanical device.*
 - *Get help from the facility operator that may be involved.*
 - *Hand dig the area where the blockage and/or cross bore may exist.*
- If a cross bore is discovered,
 - *Contact the facility operator involved if not on site already.*
 - *If you suspect a natural gas leak by smelling, seeing or hearing gas escaping.*
- Leave the area immediately
- Don't use anything electrical that may create a spark. This includes a cell phone
- After leaving the area, call the facility operator and call 911.
- Don't attempt to locate the source of the leak.
- Don't attempt to stop a leak.

What to do if damage occurs:






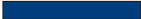

- Leave the area immediately.
- Warn others to stay away.
- From a safe place, call the facility operator and 911.

What to do if you smell natural gas:

- Do not attempt to turn natural gas valves on or off.
- Do not turn on or off any electric switch; this could cause a spark and ignite the gas.
- Do not use your cell phone or even a flashlight.
- Do not smoke, use a lighter or strike a match.
- Do not start or stop nearby vehicles or other machinery.

Uniform Color Code

When the utility companies mark the lines, each one will have a different color representing what is below. The chart below portrays the **Uniform Color Code** for marking lines:

	ELECTRIC		SEWER
	GAS-OIL-STEAM		RECLAIMED WATER
	TELEPHONE-CATV		TEMP. SURVEY MARKINGS
	WATER		PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**