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## APRIL: DIG SAFE AWARENESS MONTH

With rising temperatures come spring clean-up and outdoor projects. It's an opportune time to recognize April as **Dig Safe Awareness Month** to serve as an important reminder to residents and contractors alike of the need to **Call or Click Before You Dig**.

**Dig Safe Canada (ClickBeforeYouDig.com)** makes it easy for Canadians to quickly and easily request their utility locates. The request must be made **BEFORE** starting construction, landscaping, or other projects where the ground will be disturbed. All underground utilities will be clearly marked, allowing you or your contractor to work and dig safely on the property.

## DEPTH OF COVER: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Depth of cover is the depth of the soil measured from the top of the pipeline to the ground surface. The depth of the pipeline can vary for each pipeline, based on when the pipeline was first constructed or even on the ground conditions. Over time, the depth of cover can change due to soil removal or excavation activities, erosion, ground settling, flooding, compaction, etc.

It's important, therefore, for pipeline companies like Trans-Northern to regularly monitor the depth of cover along its pipeline right-of-way. Any areas identified as having a low depth of cover is recorded by

Trans-Northern and assessed to ensure mitigation measures are taken if required.

Never assume the depth of an underground asset or utility such as a pipeline – **ALWAYS Click or Call Before You Dig!** And be sure to contact [crossingrequestseast@tnpi.ca](mailto:crossingrequestseast@tnpi.ca) for permits related to agriculture activity more than 45 cm in depth, and heavy equipment or large vehicle crossings of the right-of-way. If your land is used for agriculture and you would like to request a depth-of-cover survey, please contact us at [crossingrequestseast@tnpi.ca](mailto:crossingrequestseast@tnpi.ca).



# LOCATES: WHAT TO EXPECT

- Locates are **FREE** and can be requested 24 hours a day, seven (7) days a week.
- Utility lines are located and marked on the ground based on records or electronic locating equipment.
- Ground markings consist of different colours used to reflect each type of infrastructure – gas, hydro, cable, etc.
- Ensure your locates are requested **at least five business days** in advance of starting your project.
- Projects within a pipeline right-of-way may require additional permits or project review, so please allow as much review time as possible to avoid delays in your planned activities.



## COLOUR CODES

for marking underground utility lines



**WHITE:** Proposed Excavation



**PINK:** Temporary Survey Markings



**RED:** Electricity



**YELLOW:** Gas, Oil, Steam



**ORANGE:** Communications



**BLUE:** Potable Water



**GREEN:** Sewer, Storm Drain



**PURPLE:** Reclaimed Water, Irrigation, Slurry

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

We all play a role in pipeline safety and damage prevention.

**CALL OR CLICK BEFORE YOU DIG OR CROSS**



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Pipelines are recognized as the safest method of transporting refined petroleum products over long distances. Although pipeline leaks are very rare, it's important to know the signs and what to do if you suspect a leak.

If you suspect a leak due to visible flow or pooling of a petroleum product, an unusual oil stain on land or the appearance of a sheen or bubbles in water, the smell of gasoline or oil, or the appearance of dead or discoloured vegetation on or near the pipeline right-of-way...

- 1** Move to a safe location
- 2** Call 9-1-1
- 3** Then call our Emergency line at **1-800-361-0608** available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

**YOUR SAFETY, AND THAT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, ARE TRANS-NORTHERN'S TOP PRIORITY.**

## DID YOU KNOW...

**The Trans-Northern Pipelines web site has resources just for our landowners?**

These include an email address (info@tnpi.ca), as well as a landowner survey where you can share your feedback.

**Visit**



**Easy-to-use contact forms** also allow landowners to update their contact information or details about their land use activities.