



## Utility Locate Procedures

**Utility locating exceeds industry standards:** Before any drilling begins, the County's team uses **GPRS (ground penetrating radar)** and **electromagnetic locating** to identify underground utilities, including gas lines. This goes beyond the legal requirement to contact **811** before digging and represents the industry gold standard for utility locating.

**Multi-step verification process:** Prior to directional boring:

- GPRS utility locating is completed.
- 811 utility locates are obtained.
- Project staff review and compare findings from both services.
- A safe drilling plan is developed based on the combined assessments.

**Ongoing utility coordination:** Since November 2024, utility coordination meetings have been held **three times per week** with Enbridge and other utility partners to:

- Review utility locates.
- Verify the accuracy of utility markings.
- Discuss safety protocols.
- Confirm areas are clear before drilling begins.

**Public notification:** Before drilling work begins, residents and businesses receive a door hanger with project information and emergency contact details so they know what to expect and who to contact with questions or concerns.

**Investment in safety:** The County's use of advanced utility locating provides contractors with greater confidence in underground conditions, enhances worker and public safety, reduces the risk of utility strikes, minimizes service disruptions, and reflects the County's commitment to completing the project safely and responsibly.