



Utilities & Maintenance

UTILITIES EXCAVATION PERMIT PROCEDURE

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The University of Notre Dame (UND) Utilities Department is a member of the Indiana Underground Plant Protection Services (IUPPS) or commonly known as Indiana811. In order to perform any excavation on UND Property or in easements granted to UND, the more stringent requirements of either UND or Indiana811 must be followed. While the UND Utilities Department attempts to maintain reasonably accurate University Plats, we cannot guarantee their accuracy. Before any excavation occurs on UND Property the following procedures must be observed:

1. As a member of Indiana811, UND adheres to Indiana's "Call Before You Dig" Law requiring underground locates and submission of positive responses within the Indiana811 web portal.
2. Parties requesting excavation permits at UND must present a valid Indiana811 reference number. This can be obtained by contacting the Indiana811 Hotline at 1-800-382-5544 or by simply dialing 811. Requests from Indiana811 may also be made through the on-line and mobile systems.
3. Notice of inability to provide utility location information: In the event Notre Dame is unable to provide a positive response within the two-day working requirement, Utilities & Maintenance will provide an oral, written, or make electronic contact with the permittee in accordance with Indiana's Dig Law.
4. A completed Utilities Excavation Permit Request must also be filed with the Utilities Department , a minimum of two (2) full working days (as defined by Indiana811 - weekends & holidays excluded) prior to the start of work, to ensure proper and timely locates, as well as positive response information. Exceptions will only be made in cases of an emergency, as approved by Notre Dame.
5. Ticket requests to the Indiana811 system and Utilities Excavation Permit Requests that are **received after 7am ET on a working day (M-F, non-holiday)**, shall not count towards the **full two-day working period** to perform and respond to locate requests.
6. Parties requesting excavation permits may appear in person or communicate via email (utilitylocates@nd.edu) with the Utilities Department between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday thru Friday (excluding University-observed holidays), to complete a Utilities Excavation Permit Request .
7. Requests for excavation permits will not be accepted more than TEN (10) WORKING DAYS prior to the start of work.
8. On UND property, UND plat drawings showing detailed delineation of excavation areas are mandatory with each locate request. Current UND Plat drawings are available upon request. In easement areas granted to UND, other drawings including, but not limited to, project drawings, municipal plat drawings or other reliable secure information may be used.
9. Parties requesting locates must mark in outline or detail the work areas or paths using white marking paint, white flags or white painted/marked laths. Point locates for signs, posts or other single point excavations shall be marked with flags or laths only.
10. Failure to properly follow the Utilities Excavation Permit Procedure prior to excavation may result in damage to utilities, personal injuries (including death), property damage, and / or penalties leveraged for damage in accordance with IC 8-1-26-22.
11. By excavating on the UND campus or easements granted to UND, you knowingly and voluntarily assume all risk of injury, property damage and liability for any and all costs associated with any service interruption and restoration, as well as for any claims, demands, actions, causes of actions, damages or judgments arising out of personal injuries or property damage resulting from your excavation.

12. Utilities including but not limited to those under the control of NIPSCO, Comcast, AT&T, and AEP are located only through the Indiana811 system. All policies and procedures of the Indiana811 system and IUPPS agency shall be applicable unless specified otherwise. A unique UND Excavation Permit Reference Number will be assigned to each permit. Prior to executing work, the requesting party must receive from the Utilities Department a fully executed excavation permit, granting a release for excavation and an Indiana811. No excavation work may begin without both fully executed releases.

13. Prior to commencing any work, a copy of the fully executed excavation permit must be in possession of the party granted said permit and maintained at the project site at all times. If requested this permit must be presented to University personnel who request to review said permit. Likewise, the party also granted an Indiana811 approval to excavate must be able to produce the same upon request.

14. **THE REQUESTING PARTY SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING LOCATE MARKS.** Please remember, that in some instances traffic, weather, or other conditions may result in marks being lost or diminished. If the excavation permit and drawing indicate that a utility has been located and there are no marks visible, please contact Indiana811 to ensure that the marks are reestablished.

15. An Indiana811 ticket and Notre Dame Excavation Permit expires at 11:59 **TWENTY (20) CALENDAR DAYS** from the day of issue.

16. Requests for extensions of existing permits must be requested a minimum of five (5) working days prior to expiration and will be issued as separate permits with utilities re-marked as required.

17. Please note that neither UND nor IUPPS perform locates for the City of South Bend, St. Joseph County or the Indiana State Highway (INDOT) Traffic Signal Utilities. You must contact Indiana 811.

15. The following UND Utilities are located by UND:

- Electric: Primary, Secondary and Site lighting
- Water: Irrigation, Heating Hot, Domestic (Cold or Hot), Fire Protection, and Chilled
- Steam, Condensate, and Tunnels
- Communications: Fire Alarm, Telephone & Fiber
- Sewers: Storm and Sanitary
- Natural Gas (Load Side of NIPSCO owned Meters)
- Natural Gas Pipelines (Power Plant to the NIPSCO metering and regulation station (30 & 150 psi))

16. Special care shall be taken when excavating around all utilities, but in particular those containing energy sources that may present a hazardous condition, including but not limited to natural gas, electricity, steam, chilled water and water. **In order to minimize risks, all proposed excavations within 5' of existing utilities shall be hand excavated or hydro excavated to visibly determine their location, depth and orientation prior to the principal excavation taking place.**

17. Extreme care shall be taken to protect, support or guard exposed utilities to prevent any damage or disturbance. Contact the Utilities Department in all cases where utilities will require such care.

18. All boring, augering and drilling activities shall be identified at the time of permit request and reviewed with Utilities personnel prior to work commencing. Special care shall be taken to ensure all existing utilities locations are known or verifiable. Boring, augering and drilling shall not occur within 10' of any marked utility without a site meeting with the Utilities Department. Specifically, such utilities are to be fully exposed by potholing and remain open and visible during boring, augering or drilling until such time as the operation is completed. Special care and attention shall be taken to monitor and ensure that such activities do not result in settlement. If settlement is detected, work must cease immediately and the Utilities Department must be contacted.

19. All excavation activities must adhere to the University's Trenching & Excavating Safety Policy, which can be found at <https://riskmanagement.nd.edu/general-safety-programs/trenching-excavating-safety/>

20. When a project has been completed as-builts must be provided to the Utilities Department at 100 Facilities Bldg.

21. I hereby confirm that my Employer has on file with UND a current University of Notre Dame Standard Insurance Requirements and Indemnification Agreement for Outside Contractors.

FIRM: _____

NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

I hereby acknowledge that as a requestor of Utilities Excavation Permits, I have reviewed the University of Notre Dame Utilities Excavation Permit Procedure and fully understand and hereby agree to comply at all times with the above terms and conditions and all stated requirements written or communicated to me at any time by or on behalf of the University of Notre Dame du Lac.