

Alabama Call **Newsline**

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Alabama One Call Welcomes Our New Members!

- Belforest Water System
- Blountsville Telephone
- Cleburne County Water Authority
- Freebird Gas Storage
- Magellan Midstream Pipeline
- Phil Campbell Waterworks & Sewer Board
- Pine Belt Telephone Company
- Town of South Vinemont

Our current membership is 341 members. For more information on becoming a member of Alabama One Call or to request a membership packet, please contact Tina Creel at 205.414.1840 or tcreel@al1call.com.

Alabama One Call is a non-profit organization established to provide a centralized one call system as a means to safeguard against injury and loss of life, protect public services and to prevent damages to underground facilities by providing prior notification of excavation and demolition activities.

APWA UNIFORM COLOR CODE CARD

Now available in Spanish!

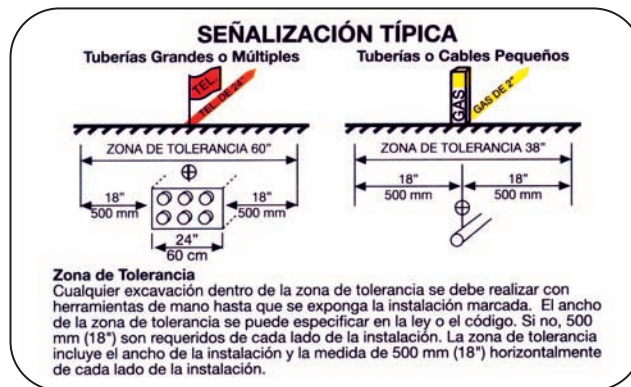
Código de colores APWA para marcar líneas de servicio subterráneas

	BLANCO - Excavación Propuesta
	ROSA - las Marcas Temporarias de la Inspección
	ROJO - Eléctrico, Líneas de fuerza, los Cables, Conducto e Iluminación Cablegrafían
	AMARILLO - Gas, Engrasa, el Vapor, el Petróleo o las Materias Gaseosas
	NARANJA - Comunicación, las Líneas de la Alarma o la Señal, Cablegrafían o Conducto
	AZUL - Agua Potable
	PURPURA - Agua Recuperada, la Irrigación y la Lechada Forran
	VERDE - Alcantarillas y Desagua las Líneas

LLAME ANTES DE QUE USTED CAVE

800.292.8525
205.252.4444 (Birmingham Area)

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Utility owners follow the standard color coding of their buried facilities as outlined in Alabama's Damage Prevention Act 94-487. We now have the spanish color code card version available!

The colors described on the front of the card: White-proposed excavation, Pink-temporary survey markings, Red-Power lines, Yellow-Gas, Oil, Steam Petroleum, Orange-Telecommunications, Blue-Potable Water, Purple-Reclaimed water, irrigation and slurry lines, Green-Sewer and drain lines.

On the back of this card is a visual description of the tolerance or safety zone as described in Alabama's law. The tolerance zone is eighteen inches on either side of the marked utility line. When digging within the tolerance zone proceed with caution by using non-invasive equipment.

If you would like to request the spanish or english version color code cards, please contact Michele Dory at mdory@al1call.com.

AFACT

2006 GAS DISTRIBUTION AND TRANSMISSION PIPELINE SAFETY AWARENESS PROGRAMS



In collaboration with 53 pipeline operators and gas distribution systems, Alabama One Call conducted 18 Public Awareness programs for Emergency Responders, Public Officials and Contractors through out the state. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss gas distribution and transmission pipeline safety, damage prevention and how to handle a pipeline emergency should one occur.

Federal Regulation RP 1162 requires pipeline operators to conduct continuing public awareness programs to educate a wide variety of target audiences on pipeline safety issues. Our attendees included Fire & Police Departments, EMA's, Mayors, City Council, County Commissioners, and many other local government entities, ALDOT, County Roads & Transportation, Commercial and Residential Builders, Utility Contractors, Plumbers, Engineers, Landscaping companies,

Over 1,700 attendees participated in meetings hosted at Civic Centers, and College Conference Centers in Guntersville, Dothan, Troy, Hamilton, Aliceville, Thomasville, Northport, Gardendale, Gadsden, Columbiana, Huntsville, Alexander City, Bay Minette, Montgomery, Brewton, Opelika, Mobile, and Muscle Shoals. A special thank you to Mrs. Betty Carol Graham for her generosity and securing the facilities for our program, which was hosted at the magnificent Betty Carol Graham Technology Center at Central Alabama Community College in Alexander City.

Prior to dinner, there were informational displays provided by the sponsoring companies with representatives present to answer questions specific to their facilities. Many sponsors handed out helpful brochures, key chains, magnets, cups, pens and other useful items with contact information. The program consisted of an educational power point presentation and a complimentary dinner with opportunities to win door prizes at the conclusion of the program.

Many attendees won door prizes provided by our sponsoring companies including Gift Cards, cash prizes, golf shirts, barbeque grill sets, duffle bags, coolers, flashlights binoculars, DVD players, hunting and fishing equipment and much more!!

We will continue our Public Awareness meetings again in 2007 and as someone who may easily come into contact with gas distribution and transmission pipelines, we encourage you to attend this brief program to broaden your awareness and knowledge of them. On the date of the meeting, registration is typically from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner from 6:00-6:45, then an educational presentation at 7:00. The meetings generally concluded no later than 8:00 p.m. We will keep you updated as soon as our schedule dates and locations for the coming year are confirmed!



prevent damages to buried utilities

call before you dig

Alabama  Call

800.292.8525

252.4444 Birmingham Area

www.al1call.com

**CALL TWO WORKING DAYS
BEFORE YOU DIG**

800.292.8525 or 252.4444 (B'ham)

When calling in a locate request have the following information available:

- Company Telephone Number, Name and Address
- Company Address
- Caller Name
- Field Contact Name/Phone Number
- Work Being Done For
- County and City of Work Area
- Location-Street Address
- Nearest Intersecting Streets/Roads
- Exact Area to Locate (Be specific with directions)
- Type of work being done
- Will jobsite be outlined in white paint?
- Will boring or blasting be done?
- Work Date and Time excavation is scheduled to begin

The Alabama One Call Newsline is published semi-annually by Alabama One Call (AOC), P.O. Box 1476, Birmingham, AL 35201. It has been published in part to fulfill some of the requirements of natural gas pipeline operator members as outlined in the Code of Federal Regulations Title 49-Part 192.614. The mailing list of excavators receiving this publication will be kept on file at the AOC.

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811 Dialing Update

In 2005, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) established 811 as an abbreviated dialing number to be used for “call before you dig” nationwide. This mandate was part of the Pipeline Safety Act, which found the need to make notifying the utility companies prior to excavation, as easy as possible, as a key factor in helping to reduce the number of damaged to underground facilities. Currently every state has a unique number to notify the one call system in that state. With the 811 initiative, anyone should be able to reach the appropriate state one call by dialing the 3 digit number.

The mandate from the FCC required every telecommunications company in the nation to program their switches to direct calls placed to 811 to reach the appropriate one call center by April 2007. This call routing is based off of the origination of the initial call. For example, if someone in GA should dial 811 they will reach the GA one call. If they need to excavate in Alabama they will be directed to the one call for our state.

Alabama One Call has been working with the telecommunication companies, both landlines and wireless, to meet this conversion implementation date. Currently, Alabama One Call has an 800 number set up for the telecommunication companies to use to transfer 811 calls to our office. When reaching Alabama One Call using 811, you will hear a message informing the caller that they have reached Alabama One Call via 811. If they are having an emergency and need emergency assistance, to please hang up and dial 911 carefully. If they are calling for having underground utility lines located, please press “1”. This will then automatically transfer their call to our telephone system to be routed to a Customer Service Representative. Due to the potential of misdialed 911 calls, we are requiring this message to be heard initially. The message can be bypassed automatically by pressing “1” at the start of the message and the caller will be transferred immediately.

Currently Alabama One Call has been notified by nine (9) telecommunication companies that they are prepared to accept and transfer 811 calls. Also, Cingular, T-Mobile and Verizon Wireless are implementing this as quickly as possible. Until April 2007, use of 811 for reaching Alabama One Call will be subject to the whether your local telecommunications carrier has completed their implementation process.

After April 2007, you may also begin to see some national advertising of the 811 availability and its logo. Alabama One intends to support the use of 811 but we will continue market our local and 800 number which has been used for the last 35 years to the excavators in Alabama. We see 811 as another way to reach Alabama One Call but want to continue to support the network we have built over the last three decades.



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



Alabama Associated General Contractors Build Alabama Awards 2007

New Building Construction - B.L. Harbert International, LLC

505th Command & Control Wing Center, Hurlburt Field, FL

New Design-Build - Brasfield & Gorrie, LLC

Jenkins Brick Jordan Plant, Moody, AL

New Construction Management - Brice Building Company

Bryant-Denny Stadium North End Zone Expansion

New Heavy Industrial Construction Over \$5 million - Brasfield & Gorrie, LLC

Jenkins Brick Jordan Plant, Moody, AL

New Municipal Utilities Construction - Brasfield & Gorrie, LLC

Catoma Water Pollution Control Plant, Montgomery, AL

New Building Construction Under \$5 Million - Brasfield & Gorrie, LLC

Shelby Baptist Medical Center Emergency Department, Alabaster, AL

New Design-Build Under \$5 Million - Brice Building Company

East Alabama Medical Center – Cancer Center Phase I, Opelika, AL

Renovation Building Construction - Caddell Construction Co., Inc.

Terminal C: George Bush Intercontinental Airport, Houston, TX

Renovation Construction Management - Doster Construction Co.

The Grand Hotel: Hurricane Katrina Repairs & Renovation, Point Clear, AL

Renovation Highway Construction - Hosea O. Weaver and Sons, Inc.

Gulf State Park Improvements, Gulf Shores, AL

Renovation Design-Build - The Pennington Group, Inc.

W/P Properties, Homewood, AL

Renovation Under \$5 Million - Golden & Associates

St. Paul Family Life Center Renovations, Birmingham, AL

Specialty Contractor - Bagby and Russell Electric

The Rave 15 Movie Theater, Orange Beach, AL

Alabama Construction Hall of Fame Inductees

The Alabama AGC established the Alabama Construction Hall of Fame to honor and recognize outstanding individuals in the construction industry. These individuals are held in esteem by their peers and have demonstrated their professionalism through active support of the industry through their civic and community involvement. This years inductees are the late Bill Caton, Sr., founder and former president of Sequoia Construction Co., Bill Harbert Sr., co-founder of Harbert Construction Co. and former chairman and CEO of B.L. Harbert Construction, and W. Ken Upchurch, Jr., former president of W.K. Upchurch Construction.

For more information on the Alabama Associated General Contractors Association, please visit their website at www.alabamaagc.org.

Alabama One Call 2006 Call Volume

		% over 2005	eTickets
January	35,306	8%	18%
February	33,328	11%	16%
March	42,615	14%	15%
April	38,599	3%	14%
May	42,282	8%	15%
June	42,657	7%	15%
July	39,848	17%	15%
August	45,281	12%	17%
September	36,805	1%	19%
October	37,074	-2%	18%
November	33,514	-1%	17%
December	28,703	-6%	17%

Excellence in Construction Winners for 2006

The Associated Builders and Contractors of Alabama presented 35 Excellence in Construction Awards and 27 Merit Awards at its 17th annual banquet held in November. This year's Cornerstone Award Recipient was Gary C Wyatt, General Contractor, LLC.

Award of Excellence Winners

ATC Associates
B.L. Harbert International
Bama Truss & Components
BE & K, Inc.
Bhate Geosciences
Brasfield & Gorrie
Brice Building Co., Inc
Caddell Construction
Doster Construction
Dunn Building Company, LLC

Gary C. Wyatt, General Contractor, LLC
Golden & Associates
Jim Cooper Construction
M.J. Harris Inc.
Mitchell Signs
Robins & Morton
Saiia Construction
Selective Masonry
Stewart & Perry Co.
Wayne Griffin Electric



Alabama Chapter

Award of Merit Winners

B.L. Harbert International
BE & K, Inc.
Brasfield & Gorrie
Brice Building Co., Inc.
Building & Earth Sciences
C.S. Beatty Construction
Classic Flooring
Doster Construction
Gary C. Wyatt, General Contractor, LLC

Golden & Associates
Gray Construction
Hoar Construction, LLC
Imaging Technologies
Ready Mix USA
Robins & Morton
Selective Masonry
Wayne Griffin Electric

For more information on the Alabama Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors, please visit their website at www.abc-alabama.org.

Frequently Asked Question

When I Call AOC For A Locate Request, The CSR Reads A List Of Utilities That The AOC Will Notify. The CSR Then Instructs Me To Notify Any Non-Members On My Own. Why Do I Have To Make Those Additional Calls?

Alabama's law does not currently require mandatory membership in Alabama One Call. Underground facility owners are given the option to either participate in AOC or have an in-house program that meets some of the same operational requirements as are placed on AOC. However, excavators are required to notify all underground facility owners 2 working days prior to start of excavation, whether they are or are not members of AOC.

The AOC does not provide a list of non-members for the excavator to contact because there is no requirement on non-member to supply us with information as to where their facilities are located. Therefore, the AOC is not able to determine exactly which non-members may be affected at your excavation site.

Many times, the utilities in a specific area will be listed on some sort of marking in the easement or right-of-way; simply comparing the listing of member operators given by the customer service representative to any markings posted in your proposed excavation area will, in most cases, be a safe way to acquire non-member contacts. However, your proposed excavation site may be away from any permanently marked right-of-way, you may need to contact a local city official to obtain more information of any utilities in your area.