

Know your ground disturbance responsibilities!

Ground disturbance is a complex topic, and as a ground disturber, you have a number of responsibilities.

Learn more about them!



Developing and implementing safe work procedures for undertaking a ground disturbance, such as:

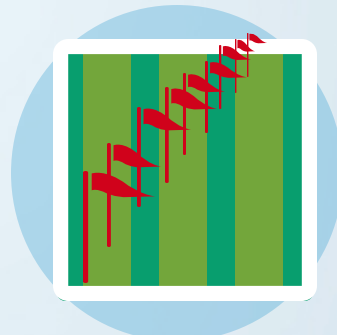
- Ensuring workers are adequately trained in ground disturbance procedures and the damage prevention process
- Maintaining a list of facility operator contact numbers on site
- Developing and implementing a ground disturbance checklist



Safely undertaking ground disturbances by complying with regulatory requirements and the conditions of any written approvals you have.



Pre-marking limits of ground disturbance in white.



Requesting that buried facility operators identify and mark the locations of their facilities that could be in conflict with a ground disturbance before the ground disturbance takes place.



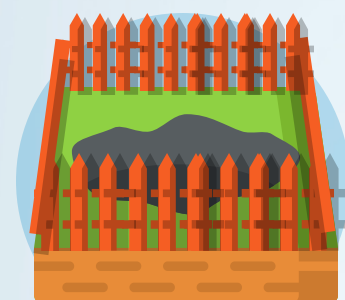
Meeting with locators to explain the scope and extent of the ground disturbance.



Managing the locate marks, ensuring excavation equipment operators have copies of and understand the locate documentation, and reporting inaccurate locate marks to the buried facility operator.



Hand exposing buried facilities in conflict with a ground disturbance before using mechanical excavation equipment within the hand expose zone.



Supporting, protecting, and backfilling exposed facilities to the satisfaction of the facility operator.



Reporting any near misses or damage, caused or found, to the operator of the facility.



Cooperating with the other stakeholders in the damage prevention process.

Managing your responsibilities could mean the difference between a safe ground disturbance, and an incident.

