

Dig Law Update

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UTC Mission

The UTC regulates the services of privately or investor owned utility and transportation companies. Our mission is to ensure that services are fairly priced, available, reliable and safe.

Upcoming Events

October 2
MRSC Webinar
October 9-11
APWA
Conference—
Spokane
October 17
Dig Law Seminar—Kelso
November 7
Damage Prevention Seminar—
Bellevue



Need Training?

Is your company, organization or agency familiar with all the changes to the dig law? Will you be ready come January 1? The commission is happy to come speak to your group, provide information and answer any questions you have regarding the upcoming law changes. If you are interested, contact [Anna Gill](mailto:agill@utc.wa.gov).



Share your DIRT with the Commission!

Have you created your DIRT account yet? If not, you better do it soon! Starting January 1, when damage occurs, the commission must be notified of the incident via CGA's Virtual DIRT tool. If you have created an account, be sure it is set to share data with the commission. Just creating an account isn't enough, in order for the commission to see your reports, your admin will have to "share" your DIRT data. To see what your sharing page should look like, [click here](#). DIRT can be accessed via a link on the [commission's website](#). Don't scramble to get started come January. Set up your account now and play around with the system so you are ready to go. Learn more about [DIRT](#) and be ready by January! If you have any questions regarding DIRT or the new requirement, contact [Anna Gill](#).

Dig Law Webinar—Tomorrow

In an effort to educate public agencies, such as local government, about their new responsibilities as outlined in the new dig law, the commission, in conjunction with the [Municipal Research and Services Center](#) (MRSC), will be putting on a Public Agencies webinar **tomorrow, Oct. 2 at 10 a.m.** The hour-long presentation, which can be accessed by visiting the MRSC [website](#), will feature changes to the dig law, including those directly affecting local government and permitting agencies. A portion of the presentation will be dedicated to the dig law from the pipeline companies perspective including land use issues. Questions will be taken at the end of the presentation. Don't miss this great opportunity! Contact [Anna Gill](#) with any questions.



Safety Committee Update

The Safety Committee is coming together. Nominations have been submitted and the WUCC Standing Committee is busy filling each seat. Be on the lookout for an official announcement of Safety Committee members this month!

Damage Reporting Rulemaking

Companies will have the opportunity to submit final comments regarding the next draft when it is released in early November. To view the most recent draft and corresponding comments, [click here](#). For more information, contact [Dave Lykken](#).

Outreach

We are kicking our education and outreach efforts up a notch this fall. Be on the lookout for a number of opportunities to learn about the new dig law. With help from Washington 811 Executive Administrator, [Don Evans](#), the commission will provide a training session and booth at the APWA fall conference in Spokane October 9-12. Plan on being in the Longview/Kelso area on October 17? Join us for a free half-day Dig Law Seminar sponsored by Cowlitz Utility Coordinating Council and the Lower Columbia Contractors Association. Lunch will be provided by Washington 811. For more information and to register for the event, [click here](#). If you can't make the October seminar, don't panic. The commission will offer another free half-day Dig Law Seminar in Bellevue on November 7. For more information and registration, [click here](#). **Please note, registration for this event will not open *until* October 18. Questions on any of our upcoming outreach events, contact [Anna Gill](#).

