

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.

Publications

The commission has a number of publications outlining changes to the dig law for each stakeholder group. To request any publications, contact [Anna Gill](mailto:agill@utc.wa.gov).



One Month and Counting

We are in the home stretch! Only one more month until the revised version of RCW 19.122, Underground Utilities (Washington's dig law), goes into effect. It has been a long road, but all of the industry's hard work is about to pay off. It's not too late to make sure you are ready for the changes. The commission is available help you prepare and to answer any questions you may have regarding how the changes will affect you. Visit our [website](http://www.utc.wa.gov) to get information about the law including a copy of the statute, fact sheets and links to additional resources. Contact [Anna Gill](mailto:agill@utc.wa.gov).



Share your DIRT with the Commission

Have you created your DIRT account yet? Starting Jan. 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 company admin will have to "share" your DIRT data. To do this, click the "Grant Data" option on the main menu. DIRT can be accessed via a link on the [commission's website](http://www.utc.wa.gov). 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](http://www.utc.wa.gov) and be ready by January! If you have any questions regarding DIRT or the new requirement, contact [Anna Gill](mailto:agill@utc.wa.gov).

Damage Reporting Rulemaking

The damage reporting rulemaking is almost complete.



The formal rule adoption hearing will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 19, at the commission in Olympia. To view the most recent draft and corresponding comments for gas rules, [click here](#). To view draft and comments for hazardous liquid rules, [click here](#). For more information about either filing, contact [Dave Lykken](mailto:dlykken@utc.wa.gov).

Safety Committee Update

The Safety Committee is continuing to meet and prepare for their duties to begin. To date, they have approved bi-laws and procedures and are working on streamlining the complaint process. An announcement will be made later this month about how and where you can file a complaint of alleged violations of the dig law. Remember, if you have comments about the new law or ideas how we can improve damage prevention and public safety, please bring it to the Safety Committee for consideration.