



# Dig Law Update

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## Dig Law Questions?

### Law Questions

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### Outreach

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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

### September 7

L&I Contractor  
Training—  
Edmonds

### October 3

MRSC Webinar

### October 9-11

APWA Conference—Spokane

### October TBD

Damage Prevention Seminar, Tri-  
Cities

### November 7

Damage Prevention Seminar,  
Bellevue



## Safety Committee

The commission has selected a contractor to fulfill the requirements set forth in RCW 19.122.130. We would like to congratulate the Washington Utilities Coordinating Council for their successful proposal. A contract is currently being drafted and should be signed and final next week. If you have any questions regarding the contract or the selection process, contact [Anna Gill](#).



## Got DIRT?

Have you created your DIRT account yet? If not, we know who you are and will start bugging you soon! Starting Jan. 1, when damage occurs, the commission must be notified of the incident via CGA's Virtual DIRT tool. DIRT can be accessed via a link on the [commission's website](#). In order to submit a report, an account must be established by the individual or company reporting. Creating an account is fast and easy. 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](#).

## Damage Reporting Rulemaking

Draft rules for the commission's current damage reporting rulemaking were issued on July 17. Comments regarding this draft must be submitted to the commission by Aug. 17. For more information, contact [Dave Lykken](#).

## Upcoming Trainings

The commission has scheduled a dig law seminar for Nov. 7, 2012 in Bellevue. For more information and registration for this and other upcoming events, visit our [Dig Law Seminar Web page](#). We are also planning another for the Tri-Cities in October. We will announce the date as soon as it is final.

## Outreach

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. The webinar will be hosted October 3. The commission will also be offering a dig law training at the upcoming Labor and Industries (L&I) Contractor trainings on September 7 in Edmonds. If you are interested in attending or would like additional information, [click here](#) to visit L&I's website. With help from Don Evans, the commission is providing a training session at the APWA fall conference in Spokane October 9-12. We will also have a booth set up with lots of great information and fun giveaways!



## Publications

The commission has a number of educational publications outlining changes to the dig law for each stakeholder group. To request these publications, contact [Anna Gill](#).

