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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 view these resources, [click here](#).



Happy New Year!

After years of hard work, the new dig law is officially in effect! The commission is available help answer any questions you may have regarding how the changes will affect you. Visit our [website](#) to get information about the law including a copy of the statute, fact sheets and links to additional resources. Contact [Anna Gill](#).



Damage Reporting

Don't forget you now are required to report damages to the commission within 45 calendar days. If you haven't already registered with the commission's VirtualDIRT, [click here](#). If you have registered, be sure 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](#). 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. If you have any questions regarding DIRT or the new requirement, contact [Anna Gill](#).

Safety Committee Update

The Washington Dig Law Safety Committee is up and running. If you have a complaint regarding violations of the dig law as of Jan. 1, you can [file a complaint](#) online. The committee is also charged with advising government entities, including the Legislature, about best practices, training and policies to enhance public safety. If you have any issues you would like to see the committee address, contact them via the [Washington Utilities Coordinating Council](#).



Damage Reporting Rulemaking

The damage reporting rulemaking is now complete. The formal rule adoption hearing was held Dec. 19, and once a final order is issued, the rulemaking will officially be closed. Implementation of the rules is set to begin April 1. To view the all documents pertaining to the gas rules, [click here](#). To view all documents pertaining to the hazardous liquid rules, [click here](#). For more information about either filing, contact [Dave Lykken](#).



Next Update May 2013

There will not be any dig law updates until May 2013. In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding the dig law, contact [Dave Lykken](#).



Topic Ideas

If you have topics you'd like to see in upcoming updates, please contact [Anna Gill](#).