



Accessing and Excavating in a Public Utility Easement

Excavating within a Public Utility Easement (PUE) in the City of Phoenix requires an understanding of property ownership, access rights, and excavation obligations. Here is what you need to know to stay safe and follow Phoenix, county, and state rules and regulations. It is as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1 Access

Get permission to enter the property in which the utility is located. For Phoenix, call 602-262-6011. If the PUE is on private property, contact Maricopa County Planning and Development Department to help with disputes, rights of way, or historical easements.

www.maricopa.gov

2 Permit

The City of Phoenix requires a civil permit to excavate within a PUE. A permit provides record of the work and a mechanism for inspection. Contact the Planning & Development Civil Permits Counter at 602-262-6551 for civil permit requirements and fees.

www.phoenix.gov/pdd

3 Locate

Before digging, Arizona Blues Sake Law requires the marking of underground utilities. There are many gas, electric, water, and sewer cables that could be damaged or result in injury! This process is FREE and easy by calling 8-1-1 or 602-659-7500. Visit AZ811 for details.

www.arizona811.com



For more information or for a copy of this publication in an alternate format, contact Phoenix City Hall at 602-262-262-6011 or 602-534-5500 TTY.



Arizona Blue Stake Law: <https://www.azcc.gov/divisions/utilities/gas/bluestake-faqs.asp>
City of Phoenix Planning and Development: <https://www.phoenix.gov/pdd/development/permits>
Maricopa County: <https://www.maricopa.gov/797/Planning-Development>