



## Attention: Columbia Gas Design Information

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Columbia Gas of Ohio wants to thank you for your proactive efforts in damage prevention through your recent design one call request. Safety is a deeply rooted part in Columbia Gas' culture. As part of our continual effort to improve, we understand that your partnership in preventing utility damages is essential. Partner with us and *Dig with CARE Keep Ohio Safe!*

Enclosed is a copy of Columbia Gas map(s) indicating the approximate location of our mainline facilities within the scope of your design one call request. It is important to note that this map reflects only the approximate location of active mains and must not be used to commit Columbia Gas until locations are verified and field checked by the company. Columbia Gas requests the opportunity to partner with your company to eliminate or minimize any potential conflicts with your project. Additionally, we ask that a final set of plans with construction schedules be submitted to the appropriate engineering contact for the operation area in which your project coincides. If additional design information is needed, please utilize the contacts provided in this correspondence.

Lastly, we kindly ask that your company review the following information below referencing the Ohio Revised Code and industry best practices.

## Ohio Revised Code

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The Ohio Revised Code (Section 3781.28 – Excavator Notifying Protection Service or Pipeline Owner) requires that an Operator must.... “within forty-eight hours of receiving notice under section 3781.28 of the Revised Code,....review the status of its facilities within the excavation site, locate and mark its underground utility facilities at the excavation site in such a manner as to indicate their course, and report the appropriate information to the protection service for its positive response system.” Once, the location of buried facilities have been located by the utility operator, it is the responsibility of the excavator to exercise reasonable care when working around identified facilities to include hand digging to fully exposing the facilities. It is general practice for Columbia Gas to install gas lines from 18 inches to 24 inches below the surface of the ground at the time of installation. This information gives no reasonable basis for establishing the current depth below grade of the facility along its course at any time after the line was installed. **DO NOT** rely on any indication of approximate depth of installation when planning or performing your project as several factors make this information an unreliable source. An example of a contributing factor can be changes in grade or terrain above the gas line after the date of installation. In some cases, a gas line's installation depth can also be non-uniform as a consequence of unevenness in the terrain or grade above it or because of underground obstructions that require vertical displacement.

## Industry Best Practices

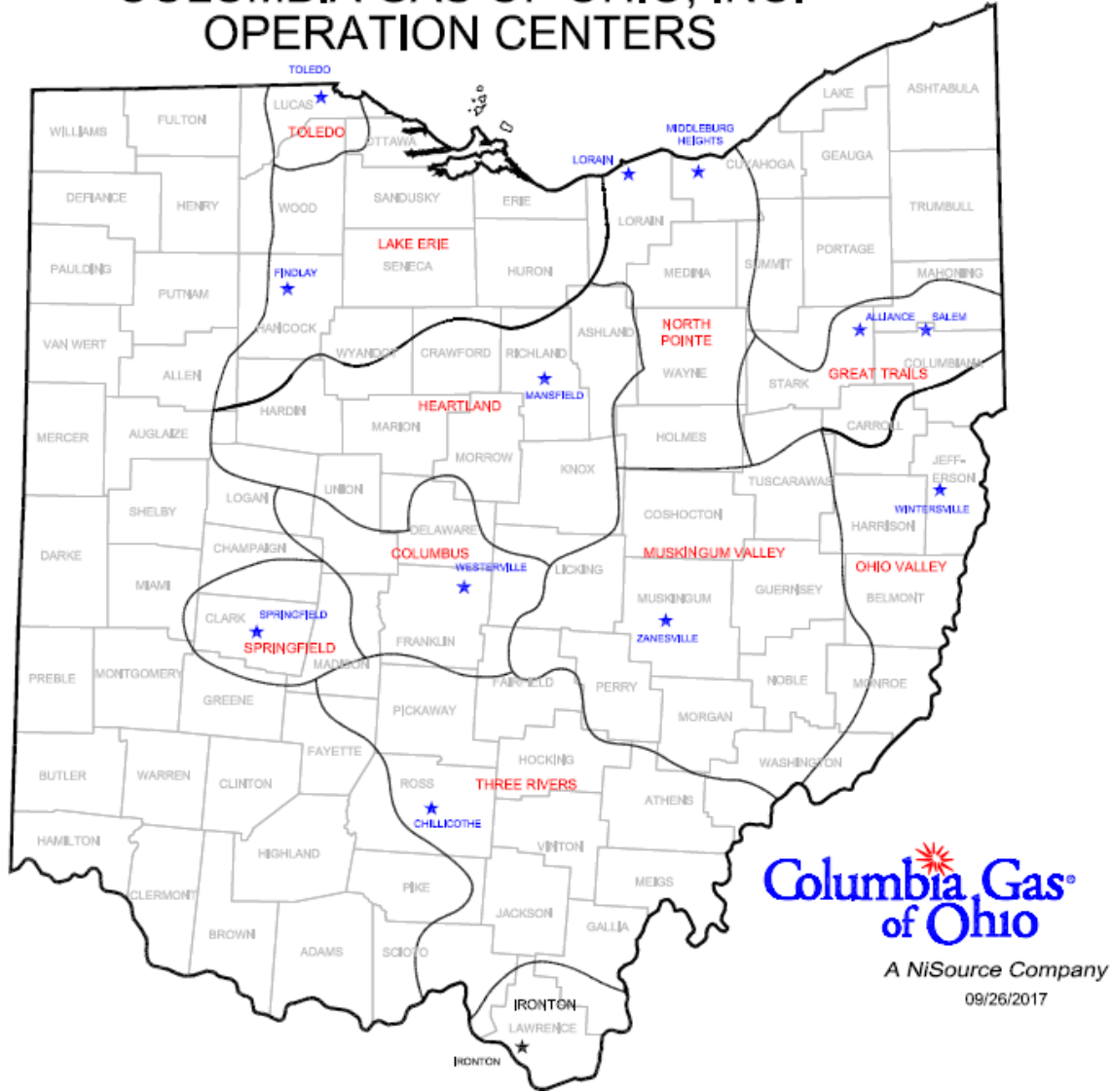
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The Common Ground Alliance is a broad based coalition of utility companies, municipalities, excavators, locators and regulatory agencies that come together to promote and enhance damage prevention efforts. Please visit the Excavation Best Practices section of CGA's website located at <http://www.commongroundalliance.com>, for more information on safe excavation practices.



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