

SITE PREP CHECKLIST

What to Do Before Your Excavation Crew Arrives

Proper preparation helps your project start smoothly and stay on schedule. Complete these steps before your excavation date to avoid delays and additional costs.

1–2 WEEKS BEFORE

- Call 811 to have underground utilities marked (required by law)
- Confirm your excavation date and crew arrival time
- Check if permits are required for your project
- Notify neighbors about upcoming work and potential noise
- Review the project scope and site access with your contractor

2–3 DAYS BEFORE

- Clear the work area of outdoor furniture, grills, and décor
- Remove potted plants, garden hoses, and lawn equipment
- Relocate trampolines, playsets, and portable structures
- Mark any private utilities (irrigation, dog fences, lighting)
- Trim back tree branches or shrubs blocking access
- Ensure gates are unlocked or removed for equipment access

DAY OF EXCAVATION

- Move vehicles out of the driveway and work area
- Keep children and pets inside or away from the site
- Be available to answer questions or make decisions
- Confirm where equipment will enter and materials will be staged
- Know where the crew can access water if needed

GOOD TO KNOW

- Heavy equipment may cause temporary lawn/driveway damage
- Excavation generates dust and noise — plan accordingly
- Weather can affect scheduling — have flexibility if possible
- Take photos of the area before work begins for your records

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