

APPENDIX B

Uniform Color Code and Marking Guidelines

The information contained in this appendix is intended to supplement information for existing practices found within CGA Best Practices.^{8/}

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Practice Statement 4-3: Color Code: A uniform color code and set of marking symbols is adopted nationwide.

Uniform Color Code^{9/}

The following APWA uniform color code (ANSI Z535.1) shall be adopted as the uniform color code for marking excavation sites and underground facilities in conflict with an excavation. This recommendation is not intended to preempt any existing state requirement that specifies other colors.

White	Proposed Excavation
Pink	Temporary Survey Markings
Red	Electric Power Lines, Cables, Conduit, and Lighting Cables
Yellow	Gas, Oil, Steam, Petroleum, or Gaseous Materials
Orange	Communication, Alarm or Signal Lines, Cables, or Conduit
Blue	Potable Water
Purple	Reclaimed Water, Irrigation, and Slurry Lines
Green	Sewers and Drain Lines

References:

- APWA Uniform Color Code
- Existing operating practices from various states' one call centers
- Existing one call laws from various states
- ANSI Standard Z535.1 Safety Color Code