

Techniques for Digging Near a Pipeline



When digging directly next to a pipeline, excavators should consider alternate methods depending on climate and geography. Always follow the excavation requirements of your State One-Call Law and Common Ground Alliance Best Practices.

The following methods are designed to decrease the likelihood of damage to the pipeline during excavation:

- Hand digging
- Soft digging
- Vacuum excavation methods
- Pneumatic hand tools

Non-invasive methods may be used for pavement removal.

Depending on the location of the pipeline in relation to the excavation, a Kinder Morgan field representative may be required at the job site to monitor excavation activity and can help you determine the most appropriate digging method. Alert Kinder Morgan if work crews will be crossing the right-of-way with motorized equipment or vehicles.