



April 2024 Newsletter



Effective April 1, 2024

The current price of \$65 per tonne (of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e) emissions) for heating fuels will increase on April 1, 2024, to \$80 per tonne.

This means the Carbon Tax will increase to **\$4.095/GJ on April 1, 2024.**

These rates are prescribed by the Government of Canada on an increasing scale and are scheduled to increase again **in April 2025 to \$95 per tonne** and will continue to increase every April by \$15/tonne until 2030.

Natural Gas Utilities are required by legislation to charge these rates as per the federal Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act. All fees charged under this Act are remitted directly to Canada Revenue Agency.

For information and inquiries on the Federal Fuel Charge, please visit:

www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/excise-taxes-duties-levies/fuel-charge.html

April 1st marks the official start of Dig Safe Month!

With the arrival of spring comes an increase in warm weather outdoor projects that may involve ground disturbance. From planting a tree, building a new fence, building a beautiful greenhouse, or putting pipe or cables in the ground, we must be accountable to ourselves and each other to do these activities safely.

Whether you are planning on doing it yourself or hiring a professional, **smart, safe digging means you MUST submit a locate request through Utility Safety Partners.** Requests must be made at least 3-full days prior to starting ANY ground disturbance. You must have ALL utilities marked or cleared **BEFORE** you start with any project that involves ground disturbance.

This service is offered **FREE of charge** and allows you to submit a locate request 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please remember that Spring and Fall are busy dig seasons, and it may take longer to respond so contact Utility Safety Partners early!

Any damage to a buried line can range from loss of service to you or your neighbors to serious injuries or fatalities. The financial cost of repairing any damage to a buried utility will be borne by you the landowner. Before you disturb the ground for any reason: **KNOW WHAT'S BELOW!**

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