811: "Call Before You Dig"

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TOPIC: Knowing where underground lines are buried before each digging project helps protect you from injury and penalties.

What is 811?

- The new National FCC-designated number to mark utility lines
- 811 eliminates confusion of multiple "call before you dig" numbers
- One call to 811 gets all underground utility lines marked for FREE
- When you call 811 from anywhere in the U.S.A. your call will be automatically routed to your local "One Call Center"

Why Call 811?

- Digging without calling can lead to serious injury and penalties
- The depth of utility lines varies and there may be multiple lines
- Damage to utility lines can disrupt service to entire neighborhoods
- Contact with an underground utility can cause serious injury or death to all involved
- It is the SAFEST way to protect you from making contact with any underground utility
- There are nearly 700,000 unintentional underground utility damages per year

When To Call 811?

- ALWAYS call before any digging takes place
- Call 811 before each job
- Visit http://www.call811.com for more information

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