

ALWAYS CALL BEFORE YOU DIG



If you are planning an outdoor project, don't forget to call before you dig.



Your yard may be hiding underground utility pipes, communication cables and wires, and/or underground power lines. If you're planning a project that involves a shovel or excavator, it's critical to call 811 before you move any dirt.

A quick call can keep your project on schedule, your family safe and your neighbors connected to the utilities they rely on.

Calling is easy!

Installing a mailbox? **CALL 811**

Planting a garden? **CALL 811**

Building a deck? **CALL 811**

Visit gopherstateonecall.org for more information or to submit a request online.



1. NOTIFY

Call 811 or submit a request online two to three days before you plan to begin your project. The utilities affected by your digging will be notified of your project so they can locate underground lines.



2. WAIT

It may take two to three days for utilities to send a locator to mark any underground lines. On average, seven to eight utility operations are notified for each request.



3. CONFIRM

Compare the marks on your yard to the list of utilities contacted by 811. Use the information outlined on your 811 ticket to confirm that all entities have responded to the request.



4. RESPECT

Protect and follow the utility markers – the flags and/or paint will remain important guides throughout your project. In Minnesota, marks are valid for 14 calendar days for normal tickets.



5. DIG CAREFULLY

Be sure to avoid digging within two feet of the markers on all sides. If you can't, you'll need to consider moving your project.