

Safety Minute



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CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

- ▶ It is the law to call before you dig.
- ▶ It is **FREE**
- ▶ Call 811 or 1-800-362-2764 or e-dig online request for homeowners
- ▶ Call at least 48 hours prior to digging but not more than 10 days.
- ▶ The person actually digging needs to call OUPS to get a ticket number that being the home owner or the contractor.
- ▶ Record the ticket number if the utilities were mis-located and you hit one you are not responsible for it.

Examples When to Call

- ▶ Landscaping
- ▶ Digging holes for fence posts or a mailbox
- ▶ Anchoring supports for decks and swing sets
- ▶ Planting trees
- ▶ Removing tree roots
- ▶ Driving landscape stakes into the ground
- ▶ Installing a retaining wall

Follow These Steps for Safe Digging

- ▶ Call OUPS, 811 or 1-800-362-2764 or go online at e-dig
- ▶ Have the following information handy when you call
 - ▶ County, City, or Township
 - ▶ Digging location (street address and nearest cross street)
 - ▶ Type and extent of work (front/rear/both sides of property)
 - ▶ Digging start date and time
- ▶ Outline the area you plan to dig with white paint or flags
- ▶ Wait until utilities are marked before digging
- ▶ Once marked allow 18-inches of tolerance from marked utilities
- ▶ Do not remove flags until job completed
- ▶ Also call Producers Underground Protection Service at 800-925-0988

Utility Color Codes

- ▶ Red Electric power lines
- ▶ Yellow Gas, Oil, Steam, petroleum or gaseous materials
- ▶ Orange Communication, Alarm or signal lines
- ▶ Blue Potable Water
- ▶ Purple Reclaimed Water
- ▶ Green Sewers and Drain lines
- ▶ Pink Temporary survey markers
- ▶ White Proposed excavating
- ▶ If you hit a line leave the area and call 911 immediately.

RISK OF NOT CALLING

- ▶ Costly property or environmental damage
- ▶ Explosion or fire on your property
- ▶ Power or utilities services interruptions
- ▶ Legal problems
- ▶ Injury or **DEATH**