

PPL Electric Utilities Reminds Customers to Call 811 before Digging

If you're breaking ground on a spring project – a pool, a new fence or mailbox, or landscaping work – don't start any digging until you call 811. It's free, simple and can prevent injuries and damage to underground utilities.

PPL Electric Utilities reminds its customers that April is National Safe Digging Month, and this serves as an annual reminder about the importance of making safe digging a priority at every job site, regardless of the month. Calling 811 helps ensure that a crew will visit the work site to mark the existence of underground utilities, including underground power lines, so that those doing the work will avoid contacting them.

Pennsylvania law requires an 811 call at least three business days before digging with any power equipment. Once the call is placed, a crew is sent out to survey the area and mark it with spray paint and flags where underground utilities – power, water, sewer and gas lines and other utilities – are located.

When calling 811, be prepared to provide the following information:

- The county and municipality in which the planned dig is located.
- The street name and address.
- The nearest intersecting/cross street to the address.
- Details of the dig site, including the area of the property where excavation will occur and what kind of work is being done.
- When the project is scheduled to take place.
- The name of the company doing the work (if applicable). Contractors must make their own 811 call.

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