



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

One easy call to **811** initiates the free service to locate underground utility lines and helps protect you, your family and neighbors from injury and expense.

Whether you're planting a tree or building a house, dial **811** before you dig.



**Washington
Gas**

What is 811?

811 is the national *Call Before You Dig* telephone number that initiates the process of marking the underground utility lines in your yard or on your job. Your call to **811** will be routed to your local One Call Center — in the District of Columbia, Maryland or Virginia. Local One Call Center personnel then notify area utilities, such as Washington Gas, to mark the approximate locations of buried utility lines with high-visibility safety paint and/or flags. The service is *free*.

Remember to call **811** at least *two full business days* — excluding weekends and holidays — *before* you are scheduled to begin your project. Please don't begin digging until the lines have been marked or cleared as "no conflict." If in doubt, check with your One Call Center to be sure there are no underground utilities where you plan to dig.

Why Call 811?

There are millions of miles of underground utility lines throughout our region, and it is essential for homeowners and professional excavators to call *before* beginning any type of work involving digging — from simple home improvements to major construction. If it alters the ground's surface in any way, call **811**.

Most importantly, dialing 811 can help avoid serious injury and even fatalities, as well as property damage and significant expense that can occur when underground utilities are damaged.

For additional information:

www.call811.com

www.washingtongas.com

www.missutility.net (D.C. and Maryland)*

www.missutilityofvirginia.com*

*Professional excavators and contractors are encouraged to use the Web ticketing system to have utilities located.

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Call before you dig. Allow time for marking.
Respect the marks. Excavate carefully.