

## **Know What's Below**

Calling before you dig helps keep your family and community safe.

Planning a project that involves digging? Calling New York 811 is the only way to know exactly where the underground utility lines are located. So, before you start, be sure to **dial 8-1-1**.

Once you call, New York 811 notifies the appropriate utility companies of your plans to dig. Professional locators are then sent to the digging site to mark the approximate locations of underground lines with flags, spray paint or both.

### When To Call

Call between two and 10 working days, excluding weekends and legal holidays, before you start any type of digging. This includes:

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

Even if your digging project is small, it's always best to call!

### By Not Calling, You Risk:

- Costly property or environmental damage
- Explosion or fire on your property
- Power or utility service interruptions
- Injury—or even death

### Be safe. Know what's below!

For more information, visit **libertyenergyandwater.com**. Under the About Us menu, select New York 811.



### Call 811 Before Digging

The 8-1-1 phone number, used in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, provides homeowners with a free service that identifies and safely marks underground utilities to avoid accidental outages and the disruption of critical services.



# 8-1-1 Process for Home for Homeowners

### Call (2-10 days prior to digging)

Notify New York's one-call center by calling 811 between two and 10 working days (excluding weekends and legal holidays) before digging.

You'll be asked for information, such as your address, nearest cross streets and extent of work to be done. We then notify our members who own and operate utilities and/or underground facilities in that area.

Wait (2 days)

The one-call center will then notify the affected member utility operators to respond to your request. On average, between 4-5 utilities are notified for each request.

Affected utilities have 48 hours (excluding weekends and legal holidays) to mark their underground lines or facilities at your location.

### Confirm

Confirm that all affected utility operators have responded to your request by comparing the marks to the list of utilities the one-call center provided. If no lines have been marked on your property, don't assume it is safe to dig. All of the notified member companies who have lines in the area must provide you with "positive response," or give the all clear, before digging can begin. If you have not heard from the notified member companies, call New York 811. Be sure to have your ticket number handy.

### **Respect the Marks**

The marks provided by the affected utilities are your guide for the duration of your project. If you are unable to maintain the marks during your project, please call 811 to ask for a re-mark.

Note: Marks are only valid for 10 working days according to state law or practice in New York.

**Dig Carefully!** 

Once your property is marked, proceed with care, allowing for a 24-inch "tolerance" zone from each side of the utility line markings.





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