

# Indiana 811:

## Protecting You, Your Property & Your Power

### What is Indiana 811?

Indiana 811 is a non-profit made up of underground utility operators, dedicated to reducing damage to buried utilities and promoting safe digging across the state. This free service helps prevent incidents that can cause costly property damage, service interruptions, injuries, or even loss of life.

### Why call 811?

Hitting an underground utility line while digging can harm the environment, cause serious personal injuries, disrupt service to an entire neighborhood and potentially incur fines and repair costs. Indiana's Dig Law (IC 8-1-26) requires everyone who digs to contact Indiana 811 at least two full working days before starting a project.

### When should people call 811? \*

- Installing a rural mailbox
- Putting in fence
- Planting trees or shrubbery
- Building a deck or patio
- Excavating a new garden area

*\*These are a few common examples of when to call. Do-it-yourselfers and contractors should call at least two full working days before any digging project.*

### How does 811 work?

Call 811 at least two business days before digging. Indiana 811 will collect your site details and notify utility companies, who will send locators to mark underground lines. There is no cost for this service. Once marked, you can dig safely. Scan the QR code below and learn more at [Indiana811.org](http://Indiana811.org).

### What happens if people don't call 811?

- Approximately 170,000 underground utilities are damaged each year by digging
- One out of every three incidents is caused by someone who did not call 811 before digging
- Knowing approximately where underground utility lines are buried before each digging project helps to prevent these situations

