

# Call 8-1-1 Before You Dig



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

You probably live and work around a variety of utility lines and equipment buried just a few feet underground. Before beginning any project involving digging, call **8-1-1** to have these underground lines marked for free. Once marked, you can complete your project with less risk of injury, disruption of service or large fines and repair costs.

## Stay Safe, Dig Smart

It's not just a good idea – it's the law. Every digging or construction project requires a call to **8-1-1** at least two business days before work begins.

### When you call:

1. An **8-1-1** representative will gather details about your project
2. They'll notify utilities that have underground lines in the vicinity of your project
3. Each utility will dispatch a representative to mark buried lines with paint or flags, or they will notify Miss Utility that your project area is clear of utilities
4. Before digging, check the status of your request at [missutilitydelmarva.com](http://missutilitydelmarva.com) or by calling 1-866-821-4226 and have your Miss Utility ticket number handy



Once all underground utility lines are marked, you must hand dig carefully within 24" of the marks to expose the buried utilities. If lines are close to your project, choose another location. Never use mechanized equipment within 24" of marked utilities until those utilities are completely exposed by careful hand digging.

**Call 8-1-1 before you dig, for a smart start to your project. Or visit [missutilitydelmarva.com](http://missutilitydelmarva.com) to learn more and submit marking requests online.**

### For homeowners who are...

- Installing a mailbox
- Erecting a fence
- Planting trees or shrubbery
- Building a patio or deck
- Digging a new garden area
- And more

### For contractors who are...

- Grading, trenching, digging, ditching
- Drilling, auguring, tunneling, boring
- Backfilling
- Driving objects into the ground
- Installing form pins
- Hammering, scraping, undermining
- Diverting normal water flow
- Using explosives
- Cable or pipe plowing or driving
- And more