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**AUG. 11 (8/11) SERVES AS TIMELY REMINDER FOR INDIANA RESIDENTS TO ALWAYS CONTACT INDIANA 811 BEFORE DIGGING**

*[STAKEHOLDER NAME] encourages Hoosiers to submit a free locate request at Indiana811.org or make the call to 811 at least two full working days before digging to Know What’s Below*

**CITY, Ind. (Aug. 11, 2024)** – With Aug. 11 almost here, [INSERT STAKEHOLDER NAME] hopes this date on the calendar, 8/11, will serve as a natural reminder for anyone moving dirt, whether they are professional excavators or homeowners, to contact [Indiana 811](https://indiana811.org/) at least two full working days prior to beginning any digging project to have underground utility lines marked.

Striking a single utility line can result in costly damages and fines, inconvenient outages, dangerous leaks, environmental damage, serious injury and even death. Every digging project, no matter how large or small, warrants contacting Indiana 811 beforehand. Installing a mailbox, building a deck, planting a tree and laying a patio are all examples of digging projects that require five important steps for getting utilities marked – plan the project, contact Indiana 811, wait for the marks, confirm the marks and finally, dig with care.

When visiting [Indiana811.org](https://indiana811.org/) or calling 811 by phone, homeowners and contractors are connected to Indiana 811, which notifies the appropriate utility companies of their intent to dig. Professional locators are then sent to the requested dig site to mark the approximate locations of underground lines with paint and/or flags.

“On Aug. 11and throughout the year, we remind homeowners and professional contractors alike to contact Indiana 811 before digging to eliminate the risk of striking an underground utility line,” said [INSERT REPRESENTATIVE NAME], [TITLE] for [INSERT STAKEHOLDER NAME], “It is the only way to know which utilities are buried in your area to avoid damaging vital utilities that communities rely on.”

The depth of utility lines can vary for a number of reasons, such as erosion, previous digging projects and uneven surfaces. While a homeowner or professional may think they know where underground utilities are buried, the only way to know for sure is to contact 811, which is fast, easy and free.

Visit [www.indiana811.org](http://www.indiana811.org) for more information about 811 and safe digging practices.

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