#### INDIANA STORM CLEAN UP PRESS RELEASE

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**[STAKEHOLDER NAME] ADVISES [AFFECTED AREA] RESIDENTS TO CONTACT INDIANA 811 BEFORE DIGGING AS CLEAN UP FROM [NAME OF STORM] BEGINS**

*Contacting Indiana 811 online at Indiana811.org or by phone at least two full working days before digging helps identify approximate location of underground utility lines*

**CITY, Ind. (MONTH, XX, 2024)** – In light of the recent damage caused by [INSERT NAME OF STORM], the [INSERT NAME OF TOWN] community will be coming together to clean up and rebuild in the coming weeks.

During this time, one important resource can help residents from adding to complications during the clean-up process. For any clean up that involves digging or removing trees from the ground, [INSERT STAKEHOLDER NAME] reminds professional excavators and homeowners alike to contact Indiana 811 at least two full business days before they start to dig.

Striking a single utility line during storm cleanup or any other time can lead to personal injury, penalties, repair costs and expensive and inconvenient outages.

When residents call 811 or visit [Indiana811.org](https://indiana811.org/), Indiana 811 will collect information and notify affected utility operators of their intent to dig. These utilities will then send professional locators to mark the approximate locations of their lines. Once these lines have been marked, residents can begin to carefully clean up around the marked lines. This resource is not to be used to report utility service outages.

“In the aftermath of devastation, we must remember that safety is a shared responsibility, and contacting Indiana 811 helps protect the people who dig and entire communities,” said [NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE], [TITLE] for [INSERT STAKEHOLDER NAME]. “It’s one easy step that will help make sure a difficult situation isn’t made worse.”

For additional information regarding 811 and safe digging practices, please visit [www.indiana811.org](http://www.indiana811.org).

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