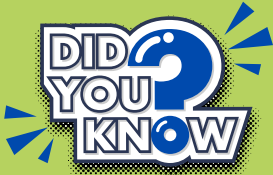


Safe Digging Starts With You!

August 11 is National 811 Day and highlights the need for homeowners and professional excavators to take the first step in preventing damage to underground utility lines by always calling 811 before beginning any digging or demolition projects. In celebration of National 811 Day, the Hendersonville Utility District is partnering with TN 811 to educate our customer base on all things safe digging!

Make sure to follow along on our social media platforms:

Instagram: @hendersonvilleutilitydist and Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/hendutil>



Per TN law (TCA 65-31-101), you have to call TN 811 by dialing 811 or (800) 351-1111 before digging!

The APWA® Uniform Color Code is a marking guideline that is universal and should be used by all professional underground utility locating companies. It provides universal understanding of the marking of underground utilities for both construction and engineering projects. It helps to prevent accidents and damage to subsurface utilities by contractors, excavators, and anyone else digging around underground utilities.

Having a uniform color code, companies and individuals always know what to expect when working around a colored line, because the color has meaning.

-  White - Proposed Excavation
-  Pink - Temporary Survey Markings
-  Red - Electric Power Lines, Cables, Conduit and Lighting Cables
-  Yellow - Gas, Oil, Steam, Petroleum or Gaseous Materials
-  Orange - Communication, Alarm, or Signal Lines, Cables or Conduit and Traffic Loops
-  Blue - Potable Water
-  Purple - Reclaimed Water, Irrigation and Slurry Lines
-  Green - Sewer and Drain Lines

5 STEPS FOR SAFE DIGGING

Working on an outdoor project? Always call 8-1-1 first, because you never know what's below. Here are five easy steps for safe digging:

Source: call811.com

1. NOTIFY

Call 8-1-1 or make a request online two to three days before you start.



2. WAIT

Wait two to three days for a response to your request. Affected utilities will send a locator to mark any underground utility lines.



3. CONFIRM

Confirm that all affected utilities have responded by comparing the markers to the list of utilities the 8-1-1 call center notified.



4. RESPECT

Respect the markers provided by the affected utilities. They are your guide for the duration of your project.



5. DIG CAREFULLY

If you can't avoid digging near the markers (within 18-24 inches on all sides, depending on state laws), consider moving your project.

