

## Why should I contact Colorado 811?



Colorado State Law requires that you place a request to mark where underground public utilities are located to prevent underground damage from digging related activities. Colorado 811 will contact the public underground utility companies in your area to mark your property so you can dig safely.



## When should I contact Colorado 811?

Contact Colorado 811 at least three business days before you start any project that requires digging, which includes:

- Landscaping
- Retaining Wall
- Dog Fence
- Basketball Hoop
- Stump Removal
- Fencing
- Clothesline
- Swing Set
- Planting
- Patio
- Walkway
- Irrigation
- Mailbox
- Driveway

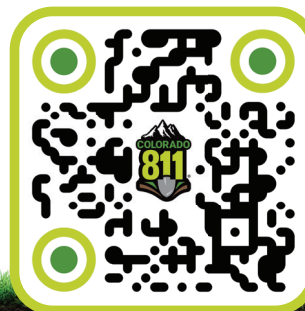
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## What happens if I don't contact 811?

Not contacting 811 before digging can cause damage, project delays, or severe injury to you or your neighbors. It's important to contact Colorado 811 before digging to protect your family, community and state.



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# PLANNING TO DIG SOON?

Whether it's landscaping, building a fence, or a deck – no project is too small to contact 811 first.

It's Free! It's Fast!  
It's the Law!



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Know what's below. Contact 811 before you dig.



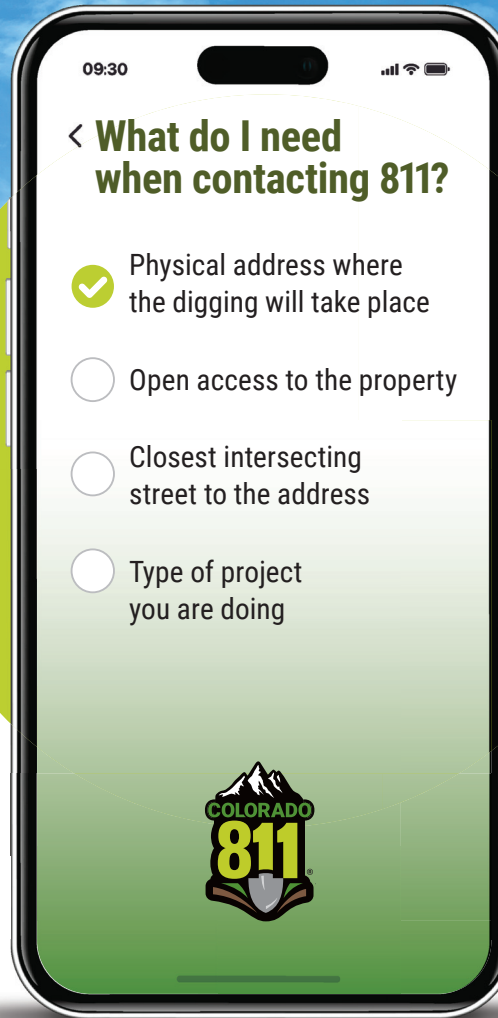
## 4 Steps to Digging Safely

**1 Contact 811:** Visit [colorado811.org](https://colorado811.org) or call 811 to request a free underground utility line locate. This service protects public underground utilities like gas, electric, water, and internet lines. Remember, private utilities won't be included in this service

**2 Wait and Track your Request:** Wait 3 business days and track your request on [colorado811.org](https://colorado811.org). The utility companies will respond with a message indicating the status of your request.

**3 Respect the Marks:** If utilities are present, the location of the utility line will be identified by paint and/or flags. Once marked, maintain the marks to ensure they remain visible while digging.

**4 Dig Carefully:** Always dig cautiously with hand tools when digging within 18 inches of a utility line.



Submit a request  
by calling 811 or  
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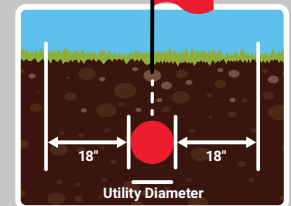
## Know the Colors

Underground utilities and key spots are marked with colors. Here is the national color code used.

- Electric, Power
- Gas, Oil
- Communication, TV, Fiber, Internet
- Drinkable Water
- Irrigation, Reclaimed Water
- Sewer, Drain Lines
- Planned Digging
- Temporary Markings

## Digging Around a Marked Utility Line

Do not dig directly on the marks provided. Avoid digging within 18 inches around the marked utility line and dig cautiously.



Tolerance Zone

## Private Utilities

**Remember:** It's not just public utility lines underground! Your property may have private lines underground like a sprinkler system or gas lines for barbecues or fire pits, the marking of these private lines are not provided in this service. We recommend hiring a private locating service separately to avoid damage. Visit [colorado811.org](https://colorado811.org) for details and a list of private locate companies.

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