



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

## **Mark underground utility lines before you dig!**

If you plan to dig anywhere, from home projects to large construction jobs, you must **contact 811 before you dig**. Thousands of miles of pipeline, wires and cables for critical services such as electricity, natural gas, water, sewage, communications and utilities are located underground. Damaging these lines could result in large utility outages, expensive repair costs, and could cause injury, and even death.

**Premark your dig area.** Using paint or flags, mark the area where you plan to dig.

**Call 8-1-1**, or go to [Colorado811.org](http://Colorado811.org) at least 3 business days before you dig. Colorado 811 will notify affected utility companies of your intent to dig. Be sure to provide access to the property, have gates unlocked, and all pets secured

**Wait for locates.** Utility companies have two full business days, to respond to your request for locates. Professional locators will mark the location of underground utilities in your dig area with flags, paint or both.

**Dig carefully.** Always dig with care. Utility lines are within 18 inches on either side of the mark left by utility companies. Carefully hand dig around the marked areas.