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**There's no
excuse for
digging
without an
811 locate.**

Unfortunately,
we hear a lot of them.



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

Top three excuses from people who don't notify 811 before digging:



Damage to underground gas lines can lead to serious property damage, injuries or even deaths.



- 1 "It's just a small project."**
Even small projects (like planting a shrub or setting a post) can jeopardize buried utility lines.
- 2 "I'm not digging very deep."**
Utility depth can change over time. That's why even shallow digging requires an 811 locate.
- 3 "I already know where lines are buried."**
Doesn't matter. You still must notify the 811 service. It's the law!

Be sure you and your hired contractors notify 811 before digging and follow these steps for safe excavation:

- 1. Plan your job and pre-mark your dig area** with white paint, flags and/or stakes.
- 2. Notify 811** before any excavation starts: Dial 811 or use the online ticket system at UDigNY.org, NewYork-811.com or DigSafe.com.
- 3. Wait the required time** for utilities to mark their lines. Do not dig until lines have been marked or you have been notified the area is clear of utilities.
- 4. Respect the marks** when digging.
- 5. Dig with care** and follow hand-excavating rules.



Smell Gas. Act Fast. Be the one to call 911.

If you suspect a natural gas leak, call 911 and National Grid immediately.

Massachusetts

911 and 1-800-233-5325

New York

Long Island and the Rockaways:

911 and 1-800-490-0045

Metro New York: 911 and 1-718-643-4050

Upstate New York: 911 and 1-800-892-2345

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