7 myths about safe digging

**Myth:** Calling 811 is fast. After you call, professional locators will be sent to the proposed excavation site within 2-3 business days.

**Myth:** Calling 811 costs money. I'm trying to run a successful business, and every dollar counts.

**Myth:** Calling 811 will hold up my work. I don't have time to call.

**Myth:** I'm a farmer or rancher and am exempt from one call notification, so I don't need to call 811.

**Myth:** I'm not digging very deep. I don't want to bother anyone for a small project.

**Myth:** I remember when the utilities were put in, and I've called 811 before. I don't need to call again.

**Myth:** 811 is only for digging.

811 applies to all dirt-moving activities like deep tilling, ditching, soil ripping, installing drain tile or utilities, stockpiling materials. It also includes building fences, buildings, roads and berms.

The depth of pipelines and other utilities can change over time. Please don't make risky assumptions—you don't want to be the neighbor who knocks out Internet, cable or vital services.

You should always call 811, even if you believe you may be exempt under state one call laws. Like choosing to not text while driving, making a one call may not always be required by law—but it's always the safest option.

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Calling 811 is free—the cost is paid by utility companies to protect you and your employees or tenants.

The depth of pipelines and other utilities can change over the years due to erosion, digging projects or uneven surfaces. You're not bothering us by calling 811. We'd rather you be safe than sorry.

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**Digging on the farm by the numbers**

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<td>4 1/2 MINUTES OR 4 1/2 DAYS</td>
<td>The cost of calling 811 before digging</td>
<td>The percentage of time work is completed without damage when the one call system is used prior to digging</td>
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Pipeline markers provide valuable information:
- Product(s) transported
- Operator of pipeline
- Contact information

It’s never safe to assume the depth of pipelines:
- Pipeline depth can change due to erosion, previous digging projects and other factors.

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