



Vector Pipeline®

Excavating Near Underground Pipelines

Know what's below

In the United States alone, more than two million miles of pipelines deliver petroleum and natural gas products. Third-party damage to pipelines is one of the major causes of pipeline incidents. When a one call is placed prior to digging, the excavation is completed safely 99 percent of the time.

What is 811?

811 is a free, national one call number that connects a caller from anywhere in the country to the appropriate local one call center. Professional locators will be sent to the proposed excavation site within 2-3 business days to mark the approximate locations of pipelines and underground utilities so you can work safely near them.

When should I call 811?

Although one call laws differ slightly from state to state, it is a legal requirement to make a one call notification at least 2-3 business days prior to the start of soil-disturbing activities, which may include:

- Excavating, deep tilling, drilling, auguring, installing drain tile and stockpiling materials
- Constructing fences, roads, driveways, ditches, berms, overhead or underground utilities and other facilities
- Operating non-agricultural heavy vehicles or equipment on or across the right-of-way where no roadway exists

The consequences of not calling 811

Calling 811 to have pipelines and utilities located is an important step in protecting yourself, your employees and contractors, and your business. Striking a pipeline could cause:

- Injuries, potentially fatal, to yourself and others
- Damage to property, including the loss of buildings and home

- Disruption of vital services
- Expensive fines and repair costs

Pipeline/utility depth and location

There is always a risk of striking a pipeline or other utility, even if you think you know or can identify what might be present in the area. The depth of pipelines and utility lines can vary for a number of reasons, such as:

- Erosion
- Previous digging projects
- Uneven surfaces

Aboveground pipeline markers do not indicate the exact location of a pipeline, and multiple utility lines or pipelines may exist in one area. Always "Call Before You Dig." It's the law, and it is for your protection and that of others around you.

What information do I need when I call 811?

When you call 811, the one call center will ask for information to help line locators find the proposed excavation site and properly mark it. You should have this information ready when you call. Depending on your location, this may include:

- Your work site's street address, the road on which it is located and the nearest intersection
- GPS coordinates and driving directions
- The type of work you will be doing and a description of the area
- Whether you have white-lined or pre-marked the excavation area
- The date and time excavation will begin

Working with Vector Pipeline

A Vector Pipeline representative may be required to monitor your excavation when working on Vector Pipeline's right-of-way or near Vector Pipeline's facilities. For your safety and the safety of others, always confirm with Vector Pipeline prior to beginning your work.

Always dig with CARE

Call 811 before you dig

Allow required time for markings

Respect the marks

Excavate carefully

What do I do if I accidentally strike a pipeline?

1. If you can do so safely, turn off any mechanized equipment. Move as far away from the leak as possible in an upwind direction.
2. Avoid contact with escaping liquids and gases
3. Call **911**
4. Call Vector Pipeline's toll-free, 24-hour emergency number: **888-427-7777**
5. Follow instructions provided to you by Vector Pipeline and local emergency responders

What NOT to do in an emergency situation

- Do not touch any liquid or vapor that may have come from the pipeline
- Do not drive into the area or start your car
- Do not light a match
- Do not turn on or off anything that may create a spark, including cell phones, telephones, light switches, vehicle alarms and flashlights
- Do not operate pipeline valves



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