Prepared Excavation
Temporary Survey Markings
Electric Power Lines, Cables, Conduit and Lighting Cables
Gas, Oil, Steam, Petroleum or Gaseous Materials, Hazardous Materials
Communication, Alarm or Signal Lines, Cables or Conduit and Traffic Loops
Potable Water
Reclaimed Water, Irrigation and Slurry Lines
Sewers and Drain Lines

WHITE
Proposed Excavation

PINK
Temporary Survey Markings

RED
Electric Power Lines, Cables, Conduit and Lighting Cables

YELLOW
Gas, Oil, Steam, Petroleum or Gaseous Materials, Hazardous Materials

ORANGE
Communication, Alarm or Signal Lines, Cables or Conduit and Traffic Loops

BLUE
Potable Water

PURPLE
Reclaimed Water, Irrigation and Slurry Lines

GREEN
Sewers and Drain Lines

TEMPORARY MARKING GUIDELINES

Safe digging is no accident!

Know what’s below.

Dial 8-1-1 before you dig.

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The following information is needed when you call PA One Call System.

YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER
YOUR MAILING ADDRESS
COUNTY - The name of the county where the work will take place
MUNICIPALITY - City, Township or Borough where the work will take place
THE ADDRESS WHERE THE WORK WILL TAKE PLACE
THE NEAREST INTERSECTING STREET TO THE WORK SITE
THE NAME OF A SECOND INTERSECTION NEAR THE WORK SITE
IS THE PROPOSED EXCAVATION AREA (WORK SITE) MARKED IN WHITE – Yes or No
OTHER INFORMATION THAT WOULD HELP THE LOCATOR FIND THE SITE - Clarifying information to specify the exact location of the dig
THE TYPE OF WORK BEING DONE
WHETHER THE WORK WILL TAKE PLACE IN: Street, Sidewalk, Public or Private Property
THE APPROXIMATE DEPTH YOU ARE DIGGING
THE EXTENT OF THE EXCAVATION - The approximate size of the opening; the length and width or diameter
THE METHOD OF EXCAVATION - How will the earth be moved
WHO IS THE WORK BEING DONE FOR
PERSON TO CONTACT IF THE UTILITIES HAVE QUESTIONS
THE CONTACT PERSON’S PHONE NUMBER - The phone number with area code for daytime contact
THE BEST TIME TO CALL
FAX NUMBER AND/OR EMAIL ADDRESS - The responses from the facility owners will be sent to you via fax or email
SCHEDULED EXCAVATION DATE AND START TIME – not less than 3 business days or more than 10 business days.
DURATION OF A JOB – How long will the job take
ANY ADDITIONAL REMARKS YOU MAY HAVE

You will be given a 10 digit serial number as confirmation of your call and our system will send you the responses from the utilities on the morning of your scheduled excavation date via fax or email.

www.pa811.org
Why should you call?
Safe digging is no accident! If you are installing a fence or deck, or digging for a mailbox post, patio or other excavation project, it is important to know what’s below. Dial 8-1-1 or 1-800-242-1776 before you dig. The utility companies do not want an accident, either. The best way to learn where underground utility lines are located is to call before you dig.

For more information, visit www.pa811.org

Homeowner Quick Tips
• One easy phone call to 8-1-1 three to ten business days before digging helps keep your neighborhood safe.
• Call on Monday or Tuesday if you plan to dig on Saturday or Sunday.
• The utility companies will mark where their underground lines are located with colored paint, flags or chalk.
• Do not remove the flags if you see them in your yard.
• Our service is no cost to homeowners.
• Did you hire someone to install your fence, deck or new patio? Ask to see the PA One Call serial number before allowing them to dig on your property.

The Excavator’s Responsibility
• Dial 8-1-1 or 1-800-242-1776.
• Do not allow anyone to excavate on your property without calling.
• Always look for the markings on the ground before your dig date.
• If you do not see markings, do not allow anyone to dig. Wait for the lines to be marked by the utility.
• Whoever places the call will receive an email or fax with a list of facility owners who have marked or have not marked. Pay attention to this message.
• Respect the markings by not removing flags or disturbing the actual markings.
• Exercise care around the marked lines by hand digging.
• When the project is complete, the excavator should remove the flags or marks from the ground or pavement.