



Call 811 Before You Dig!

April is Safe Digging Month:

This annual observance highlights the importance of locating utility lines before starting any digging project.

The next time you plan an outdoor project such as

- Planting trees or shrubs,
- Installing a mailbox, or
- Working on a fence, pool, or sprinkler system...

Please plan ahead and call 811.

By accidentally cutting the wrong cable, you could miss the big game, impact nearby internet access, or worse.

The City of Sunrise Gas Division reminds residents and contractors to call to 811 at least three business days before digging to know what's below. The process is fast, easy and free. Here's how it works:



1. Homeowners and contractors call 811 a few days before breaking ground.



2. Florida's 811 Center notifies utility companies of the intent to dig, and professional locators mark the approximate locations of underground lines with flags or spray paint at the site.



3. Once the caller confirms that all affected utility operators have responded, they can proceed working, avoiding the 18-24" of space on all sides of utility marks at the work site.

What happens if I hit a utility line?

The cost of not calling can be steep: Striking a single line can cause injury, as well as cause the homeowner to incur repair costs, fines and inconvenient outages. Every digging project, no matter how large or small, warrants a call to 811. Installing a mailbox, building a deck, planting a tree and laying a patio are all examples of digging projects that require a call to 811 before starting.

Visit call811.com for more information about 811 and safe digging practices.

