

You can see 4.19 million miles of roads in the U.S. — *Federal Highway Administration (FHA)*

WHAT YOU CAN'T SEE INCLUDES:

WATER
1,000,000+
miles of
water mains

American Society of
Civil Engineers (ASCE)

PIPELINES
2,600,000+
miles of
pipelines

Pipeline and
Hazardous
Materials Safety
Administration
(PHMSA)

CABLE
485,000
miles of
cable

U.S. Energy
Information
Administration
(EIA)

ELECTRICITY
2,000,000+
miles of
power lines

THINK ABOUT IT.



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.

National Cable &
Telecommunications
Association (NCTA)

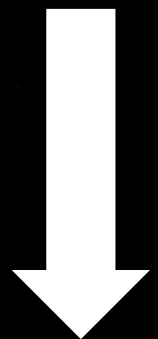
SEWER
1,000,000+
miles of
sewer lines

U.S.
Environmental
Protection
Agency (EPA)



U.S. STATISTICS

**DIG DEEPER FOR MORE
INFORMATION!**



WHAT IS 811?

811 is the national number designated by the Federal Communications Commission to help protect homeowners and professional excavators from unintentionally hitting underground utility lines while working on digging projects – large and small. It is a **FREE** service. If you are planning to dig anywhere, you must call 811 prior to digging. Your call will automatically be routed to your local one call center.

You'll give the operator information about how to contact you, **where you are planning to dig** and what type of work you will be doing. The call will last only a few minutes.

Utility companies who have potential facilities in the area of your dig site will be notified about your intent to dig.

Each affected utility company will **send a locator** to mark the approximate location of your underground utility lines. This typically occurs within 2-3 working days.

After your lines are marked, you are then free to begin your project!

WHY CALL 811?

Every digging project requires a call to 811. Hitting an underground utility line while digging can harm the environment, cause serious personal injuries, disrupt service to an entire neighborhood, and potentially incur fines and repair costs.

WHEN SHOULD I CALL 811?

- Installing a mailbox
- Putting in a fence
- Planting trees or shrubbery
- Building a patio or deck
- Excavating a new garden area
- **Any** digging project!

DID YOU KNOW...

Every six minutes an underground utility line is damaged because someone decided to dig without first calling 811.



**EXCAVATION DAMAGE IS THE
GREATEST THREAT TO
PIPELINE SAFETY.**

For more information on safe digging:
www.call811.com

