## **BEFORE YOU DIG...**







Want to plant a tree in your yard? Installing a birdhouse or lamppost? Before you dig, call VA 811.

## Who is VA 811?

VA 811, known as Virginia Utility Protection Service (VUPS) or Miss Utility of Virginia, is a non-profit organization that serves as the "one call" communications center for the notification of utilities before excavation, digging, or demolition occurs. Calling 811 before you dig is the <u>LAW</u> if you are a business,

## Why call VA 811?

Underneath the ground are water, sewer, gas, electric, phone, and cable lines providing service to the facilities, such as your home, in the vicinity. When you call 811 before you dig, they notify these utilities. Representatives from these utilities come and mark their lines with the designated color paint for their utility. This paint will not harm your grass, but will indicate where you should not dig.



## What happens if I don't call 811 before I dig?

Digging without knowing where the underground utilities are is dangerous. Damaging one or more of these lines could cause property damage and service outage. Damaging a utility such as power or natural gas could result in injury or **death**.

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO: http://va811.com/

You can search utility tickets to see what work is proposed at VA811.com/homeowners/what-do-the-markings-mean