



5 SAFETY TIPS FOR YARD PROJECTS THIS FALL

JULIE Reminds Homeowners to Always Call 8-1-1

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JOLIET, IL – All good things come to an end, and that includes the warm-weather growing season. As temperatures fall and days grow shorter, the lawn and garden need a little TLC before winter's arrival. From cutbacks to covering and from digging in to pulling out, there are plenty of ways to ensure a healthy yard next year. Before reaching for that shovel, JULIE, Inc. (JULIE) urges homeowners to know what's below and always call 8-1-1. This is a free call and service in Illinois.

“Across the country, every nine minutes an underground utility line is hit because someone chose not to call a state one-call center, such as JULIE, before digging,” said Kevin Chmura, director of public relations for JULIE, Inc. “Protect yourself and your family. In Illinois, every yard project this fall that includes digging, regardless of the depth or size, requires a notification to JULIE first.”

Common examples of fall projects that require a call to JULIE before digging include putting up a fence, installing a mail box post, building a deck or patio, and adding trees or shrubs. JULIE's call center agents are available to receive and process requests 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

5 Steps to Safer Digging

There are five important steps to safer digging this fall:

1. Pre-mark the dig site with white paint or flags.
2. Call JULIE at 8-1-1 or go online (illinois1call.com) to submit your own locate request before you dig;
3. Wait the required amount of time (two business days);
4. Respect the marks; and
5. Dig with care.

When homeowners call either 8-1-1 or 800-892-0123, they will speak with a JULIE call center agent who will take the location and description of the project site and notify affected member facility owners and operators. These members will then send a professional locator to mark the approximate location of their underground utility lines with small flags or paint at no cost. JULIE personnel do not perform locating or marking services. In addition to calling to submit a locate request, E-Request is a free, online option for homeowners via www.illinois1call.com.

Based in Joliet, the not-for-profit organization represents 1,930 members and covers Illinois, outside the city of Chicago. For additional tips, an explanation of the color-code markings and information about the one-call process, visit www.illinois1call.com.



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JOLIET, IL – August 11th serves as a natural reminder for homeowners and professional contractors in Illinois to simply call JULIE, Inc. (JULIE) at 8-1-1 prior to any type of digging project to avoid personal injury and repair costs and to keep communities free of utility damage and inconvenient outages. This is a free call and service.

“There is no reason to take a chance when it comes to safety. With more utility companies delivering critical services underground, homeowners and contractors are encouraged to simply call 8-1-1,” said Kevin Chmura, director of public relations for JULIE, Inc.

Even simple projects like planting a tree or shrub to more complex projects like installing a deck, fence or home addition require a call because you never know what's down below. Beneath what you may think is the perfect spot may be a bunch of different types of utility lines that if hit while digging can cause all sorts of damage and affect service to you or others and lead to costly repairs. All this can be avoided by contacting JULIE and having a professional locator from member facility owner companies come out and mark the approximate location of the utility lines on your property before you dig. (JULIE personnel do not perform locating or marking services).

JULIE's helpful call center agents are available to receive and process requests 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 8-1-1. E-Request is also a popular, new option for homeowners who prefer to enter their own utility locate requests via www.illinois1call.com.

Based in Joliet, the not-for-profit organization covers the state of Illinois, outside the city of Chicago, and annually receives 1.5 million locate requests. Visit www.illinois1call.com for more information about JULIE and safe digging practices.

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JULIE, INC. CELEBRATES SAFE DIGGING MONTH

Illinois One-Call System Reminds Homeowners to “Call 8-1-1 Before You Dig”

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JOLIET, IL – April marks National Safe Digging Month across the United States, reminding homeowners and professional excavators in Illinois to call JULIE, Inc. (JULIE) at 8-1-1 before every digging project this spring, regardless of the size or depth. Putting up a fence, installing a mailbox post, building a deck or patio and planting trees and shrubs are all common examples of digging projects that require a call to JULIE first. This is a free call and service.

“Protect yourself and your family. Striking a single buried utility line can cause injury, repair costs, penalties and inconvenient outages,” said Kevin Chmura, director of public relations for JULIE, Inc. “Every project, no matter how large or small, requires a call to JULIE.”

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“Earth Day and Arbor Day are great opportunities this month to give back to the environment by planting a tree or doing other outdoor beautification projects, but it’s imperative to notify JULIE at least two business days before you start,” Chmura continued.

When homeowners and professional excavators call 8-1-1, they will speak with a JULIE call center agent who will take the location and description of the project site and notify affected member facility owners and operators. These members will then send a professional locator to mark the approximate location of their underground utility lines with small flags or paint. JULIE personnel do not perform locating or marking services.

JULIE’s call center agents are available to receive and process requests 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 8-1-1. E-Request is a free, self-service option designed for homeowners via our Web site at www.illinois1call.com.

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JOLIET, IL – Landscape projects add beauty and value to a home. From modest designs to elaborate projects they enhance outdoor living space and can be a source of enjoyment. However, these projects also have the potential to cause quite a headache if you neglect to follow an important first step. Before the start of any digging project, JULIE urges homeowners to know what’s below and call 811. This is a free call and service.

“Professional excavators and homeowners must call JULIE at 811 to avoid personal injury and repair costs and to keep communities free of utility damage and inconvenient outages,” said Kevin Chmura, director of public relations for JULIE, Inc. “Protect yourself and your family. Common examples of projects that require a call to JULIE include putting up a fence; installing a mail box post; building a deck or patio; and adding trees or shrubs.”

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