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ENTER AN ONLINE REQUEST

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

No one wants to be the person who, while planting a tree or shrub, is responsible for cutting the cable or telephone line in the middle of your neighbor's important Zoom video webinar or your kids' online learning program. The one-call process is a convenient and easy way to ensure that you and your family are safe and your neighborhood is free of utility damage and inconvenient outages.

Our not-for-profit organization is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you choose to begin your project over the weekend, remember to notify JULIE no later than Wednesday at 4 p.m. (state law requires at least two business days' notice). Homeowners are finding JULIE's convenient [E-Request](#) option to be a great self-service option with many benefits, including no hold time during peak periods. There is no cost for the service. [Click here for frequently asked questions.](#)

MUM'S THE WORD

We love to look up at the beautiful fall foliage, with bursts of rich reds, warm ambers and deep yellows and golds. But we can also keep an appreciative eye on our own yards and containers, to savor fall color in other ways.



- Mums are a popular and traditional fall plant in the Midwest. Hearty and beautiful, chrysanthemums add seasonal color with varieties including white, yellow, gold, maroon and bronze. You can go monochromatic or mix up the varieties for a diverse fall plant palette.
- Mums do well in containers and can also be planted in a pretty border garden. Cabbage and kale plants make for unique embellishments in containers, window boxes and garden beds. These hardy fall plants will last until heavy frost or snowfall arrives.
- Perennials and ornamental grasses lend color, texture and visual interest to four-season spaces.
- Fall is a good time to plant trees and shrubs, since the soil is warm enough for roots to take hold before winter arrives. [Click here for 6 Common Mistakes When Planting a Tree.](#)
- It's not too late to enjoy fresh-from-your-garden veggies! Late season crops include kale, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, Swiss chard, and more.

[Click here for additional suggestions about watering your plants and planting bulbs for next spring.](#) Of course, whenever you are disturbing the ground, be safe and contact JULIE at least two business days before starting any fall project. It's free.

GIVE A BOOST TO PERENNIALS

Perennial plants do best when they are younger and have room to grow. You can give these plants a boost by dividing them this month, but you have to be careful. Tony Abruscato, Mr. Green Chicago and Founder of The Get Growing Foundation, provides our readers with [tips to find out when and how to divide perennial plants.](#)



DOES JULIE LOCATE?

One of the most critical steps for planning any project is to notify JULIE first, but [what happens after submitting your locate request?](#)

"A common misconception is that JULIE personnel actually locate underground lines. In fact, **JULIE neither owns nor marks underground lines**, however we alert our member utility companies so they can mark your property for safe digging," said Kevin Chmura, JULIE's Director of Public Relations. "Even if you had your yard located earlier this year for another project, enter your own locate request from the convenience of your home or office via our [self-service, E-Request option anytime.](#)"

As you prepare for your next project, it is important to understand the process and [when to contact JULIE.](#) Our call center agents are available to receive and process locate requests, day or night, by simply calling 8-1-1 or 800-892-0123. JULIE covers the state of Illinois, outside the city limits of Chicago.

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JULIE is on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and now [Instagram](#) (@JULIE1call). For the latest happenings, DIY and gardening tips and safety messages, make sure to follow, like and share our posts. As we launched our Instagram page earlier this summer, we want to grow our audience. Anyone who follows our page on Instagram before October 15 will be eligible to win a JULIE prize pack.



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