



## GET OUTSIDE THIS AUTUMN

In October, we love to look up at the beautiful 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. This 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 seasonal tips, including suggestions for hearty plants.](#)

“Fall weather can be unpredictable making it even more important you plan ahead so you have everything in order to start your projects when the timing is right,” said Kevin Chmura, director of public relations for JULIE, Inc. “One of the ways you can prepare is

by [contacting JULIE](#) before you pick up the shovel at least two business days—and up to 14 calendar days—prior to any scheduled outdoor projects that require digging, regardless of the depth. It’s a free service.”

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Enter your own online locate request from the convenience of your home or office. JULIE receives and processes more than 1.6 million locate requests on an annual basis. Our not-for-profit organization represents 1,980 members and covers the entire state of Illinois, outside the city of Chicago. For information about the process, [visit our website](#).

## WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

The notification 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. Based in Joliet, our center 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). Call center agents can be reached by dialing either 811 or 800-892-0123.

You can also submit your request online . . . anytime. Homeowners are finding JULIE’s convenient [E-Request](#) to be a popular self-service option with many benefits, including no hold times during peak periods.

## TIPS FOR CLEANING UP THE YARD

Autumn is a popular time for backyard projects like putting up a fence, building a deck or patio and [adding trees or shrubs](#). It’s your responsibility to contact JULIE before you dig to get underground utility lines located—even if you think you know where lines are buried. And it’s the law. [Submit a self-service locate request at no cost.](#)



If you made the plunge into planting your own garden, make sure to invest time into cleaning up in the fall. [Here are 8 tips in regards to maintenance and cleanup that are guaranteed to give your garden a healthy start for next spring.](#)

When the leaves begin to change and fall, the bright color leaves make it more difficult to see locate flags and markings on the ground. [Each utility locator uses a different color paint or flag](#) to mark the buried lines. Be careful when working in areas with these flags. As a reminder, JULIE personnel do not locate or mark any underground utility lines.

The small flags can be removed when your project is completed. If you notice flags in your yard that are faded or the metal stakes are rusted, those can be removed as long as there is no work being done in the area. [Click here for frequently asked questions.](#)



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