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BE SAFE THIS SPRING

You may be surprised by what’s buried in your yard. That’s because most electric, gas, water, sewer and telecommunications companies are delivering utility services underground. With a majority of people working from home, you do not want to be THAT neighbor who hits a fiber or telephone line because you did not reach out to JULIE at least 2 business days before a DIY landscaping or outdoor home improvement project. [Check out our new :30 public service announcement for an important reminder.](#)

As the days lengthen and warm, there has been an increase in requests from homeowners across the state. [Putting up a fence](#) or flag pole, installing a mailbox post, [building a deck or patio](#) and planting trees or shrubs are all common examples of projects that require a notification to JULIE, regardless of the project’s size or depth. Even if you assume you know the location of underground utility lines around your home or are replacing a similar project in the same place, you must notify JULIE of each project. [Here are the 4 myths for contacting JULIE before a digging project.](#)

And don’t forget, as you plan your upcoming graduation party or prepare for either a big or small yard project over the Memorial Day weekend, make sure that notifying JULIE is on your “to do” list to avoid damages and inconvenient utility outages. [Enter and submit your online, locate request.](#)

NO EXCUSE

Spring is here which means warmer weather and [perfect gardening and planting conditions](#). Regardless of what you plan to do, how deep you plan to dig or even if you’ve contacted JULIE before for a similar project, every job requires a notification.

Our not-for-profit organization is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. To avoid potential hold times during peak periods in our call center, we encourage homeowners and professional contractors to use our online [E-Request entry page](#) anytime to submit a free locate request. [Click here for frequently asked questions.](#)

If you are visiting your local garden or home improvement center this weekend (or any weekend), notify JULIE no later than Wednesday at 4p. For planning purposes, at least two business days’ notice is required. [Click here to conveniently enter your own online locate request any time.](#) This is a free service.

SMALL FLAGS AROUND YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Have you noticed more [small flags](#) in your neighborhood? That’s another sign of spring. After you have notified JULIE, each utility member is responsible to locate and mark their own underground lines with paint and/or flags within 2 business days as required by law (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays). The [color code](#) illustrates the colors each member uses when staking, painting and or flagging the location of a buried utility line. For example, red is for electric lines.

JULIE personnel **do not** perform locating or marking services. Our members are only required to mark the lines that they own, not [privately installed or owned lines](#) such as electric and gas lines to a garage or workshop, sprinkler systems and ornamental lighting. [Learn more about what happens after contacting JULIE.](#)



6 MISTAKES TO AVOID WHEN PLANTING A TREE

So, you think you’re ready to plant a tree. Have you chosen the type of tree that will thrive in your climate? Does the desired location provide adequate drainage and necessary sunlight? There are several variables to consider before even breaking ground. [Here are six common mistakes to avoid when planting a tree.](#)

Before you pick out the perfect tree, shrub or even color bricks for a retaining wall, remember to contact JULIE by Wednesday at 4 p.m. for a DIY weekend project. [Click here to conveniently enter your own online request.](#)



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