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QUESTION:

WHAT DO THESE HOUSEHOLD PROJECTS HAVE IN COMMON?

Repaving a
Driveway



Repairing a
Foundation



Installing a
Mailbox



Removing a
Tree



Replacing a
Deck



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

A: Projects that need a building permit

B: Easy DIY projects

C: Each project requires a call to 811

ANSWER:

The answer is C! Each of these projects requires a call to 811 at least two business days before starting. Remember: calling 811 before digging is FREE and it's the LAW.

IT'S THE LAW!

Yes! Calling 811 before digging is required under state and federal law. If you skip this important step and hit an underground utility, you could face charges from the utility or even federal fines. The U.S. Department of Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), is the federal agency enforcing the one-call law in the State of Alaska. It can fine homeowners and contractors tens of thousands of dollars for failing to call 811 before digging. Earlier this year, PHMSA issued fines totaling more than \$36,000 in Alaska for digging without a locate and damaging ENSTAR natural gas lines.



SAFE DIGGING TIPS

WHY DO I HAVE TO CALL 811 IF I'M REMOVING A TREE FROM MY YARD?

A call to 811 is required any time you disturb the ground. You never know where an underground utility might be located or how deep it's buried. Know what's below, call before you dig!

Before you start any project that requires digging, be sure to follow these important and potentially life-saving tips:

1.

CALL 811 FOR FREE UTILITY LOCATES

Call at least two days before you want to start your project. ENSTAR will come out and locate any underground pipelines that may run through your project area.



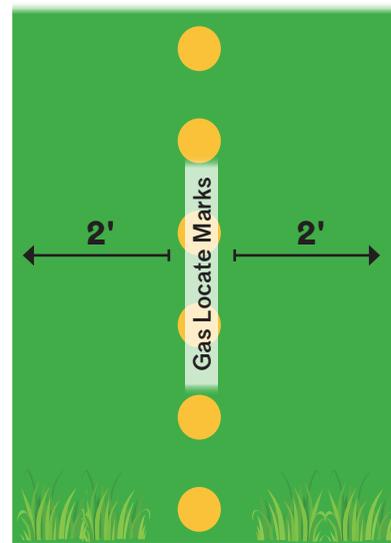
2.

RESPECT THE TOLERANCE ZONE

The "tolerance zone" is the two feet on either side of the locate marks.

Within the tolerance zone, only remove the dirt with your hand or gently with a shovel.

This reduces the chances of accidentally hitting the gas line.



ENSTAR HOSTS ANNUAL BARBECUE AT BEAN'S CAFE



Each year, ENSTAR tows an extra-large natural gas grill to Bean's Cafe in downtown Anchorage to host a barbecue and serve nearly 400 hamburger lunches to the cafe's clients. It's an honor to serve alongside this organization that provides a warm breakfast and lunch to anyone in need 365 days a year, including meals for kids through Children's Lunchbox.

In addition to the meals, Bean's Cafe offers essential services to people experiencing homelessness by providing an address for clients to receive and collect mail, basic necessities such as toiletries and socks, and referrals for mental health, medical, financial, substance abuse, jobs, and housing assistance.

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