

# TOOLBOX TALKS

## CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

Toolbox Talks are designed to promote safety discussions and best practices on the jobsite. To see more Toolbox Talks, please visit [hollandcs.com/toolboxtalks](http://hollandcs.com/toolboxtalks).

Knowing where underground lines are buried before each digging project helps protect you from injury and penalties.

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### WHAT IS 811?

- The new National FCC-designated number to mark public utility\* lines
- 811 eliminates confusion of multiple “call before you dig” numbers
- One call to 811 gets all underground utility lines marked for FREE
- When you call 811 from anywhere in the U.S. your call will be automatically routed to your local “One Call Center”

### WHY CALL 811?

- Digging without calling can lead to serious injury and penalties
- The depth of utility lines varies, and there may be multiple lines
- Damage to utility lines can disrupt service to entire neighborhoods
- Contact with an underground utility can cause serious injury or death to all involved
- It is the SAFEST way to protect you from making contact with any underground utility
- There are nearly 700,000 unintentional underground utility damages per year

### WHEN TO CALL 811?

- ALWAYS call before any digging takes place
- Call 811 before each job
- Visit <http://www.call811.com> for more information

**\*NOTE:** Utilities as defined here are only public services provided by the government or state. Private, site-owned underground electrical, water, communications and gas services are not considered utilities and must be separately located by others.

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