

# 5 steps for safe digging

Working on an outdoor project? Careless digging poses a threat to people, pipelines and underground facilities. Always call 811 first. Here are five easy steps for safe digging:



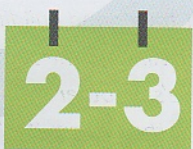
**Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.**

## 1. NOTIFY

Call 811 or make a request online two to three days before your work begins. The operator will notify the utilities affected by your project.

## 2. WAIT

Wait two to three days for affected utilities to respond to your request. They will send a locator to mark any underground utility lines.



## 3. CONFIRM

Confirm that all affected utilities have responded to your request by comparing the marks to the list of utilities the 811 call center notified.



## 4. RESPECT

Respect the markers provided by the affected utilities. The markers are your guide for the duration of your project.



## 5. DIG CAREFULLY

If you can't avoid digging near the markers (within 24 inches on all sides), consider moving your project location.

