

Call Before You Dig...

It's The Law! - 1-800-272-1000

Dear Resident/Contractor,

You have recently applied for a permit to perform work that involves excavating on public or private property. This work may involve home improvements, maintenance work, landscape improvements or any number of other work activities. We understand that completing this work in a timely manner is important, but it is even more important that the work be done safely and in compliance with the law.

Over the years, people have been injured and property has been damaged as a result of inadvertent contact with underground facilities, specifically, gas and electric lines.

Public Service Electric & Gas Company personnel have responded to numerous damages to underground facilities in your town and neighboring communities. Damage to underground facilities occurs for a variety of reasons. Excavators, builders, plumbers, landscapers and even homeowners have all been involved in incidents. Approximately 45% of all contacts with underground facilities occur because excavators have not called for a markout before they begin working. Another 20% of contact accidents occur when an accurately marked facility is struck by an excavator not exercising proper caution while digging.

Most contacts result in service interruptions, some cause property damage, injury, or death. Those found responsible for damaging underground facilities are billed for the cost of repairs and are subject to fines levied by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities for violation of the Underground Facilities Protection Act.

Requesting a markout so that you are in compliance with the law only takes a phone call. The call is free and the One Call Service personnel will notify participating underground facility owners in your area, such as water, telephone, cable, gas and electric providers to markout their facilities. Please note that you must call at least three (3) business days before you plan to begin your excavation. The New Jersey Underground Facilities Protection Act is the law and it is designed to protect you.

Please call 1-800-272-1000, **811** or visit <http://www.pseg.com/customer/home/safety/dig.jsp> or <http://www.nj1call.org> **before you dig** and always use extreme caution and care when excavating in the vicinity of any underground facilities.

Thanks For Your Help And Cooperation!



**Know what's below.
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