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National 811 Day Highlights Call Before You Dig

City of Springfield officials are observing National 811 Day today, August 11, to remind homeowners to dial 811 before digging on their property.

811 Day is an annual initiative led by the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) to ensure the practice of safe digging is echoed in communities by calling 811, a nationwide toll-free number, before any excavation project, according to PHMSA.

“It’s vital that residents and businesses take advantage of this service. Research has shown that calling before you dig significantly decreases the chance of injury or harm to the environment,” said Springfield City Service Director Chris Moore.

Dialing 811 automatically routes the caller to the Ohio Utilities Protection Service (OUPS) call center. By law, everyone must contact OUPS at least 48 hours before beginning any digging project, such as planting a tree or building a deck. Trained locators will mark the locations of underground utility lines with flags or spray paint.

The City of Springfield is both a user and a member of OUPS. City employees are required to call 811 before performing any excavation. As a member, the City responds to OUPS requests by marking the approximate location of Springfield’s underground water, sewer, fiber optic, and traffic infrastructure located in public rights of way and easements.

For more information, go to oups.org.

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