



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Before you dig on your property, Addabbo stresses calling 811

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Whenever someone plans on digging on their property for any reason, such as planting a tree or installing an in-ground pool, New York State Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. reminds property owners to contact New York 811 to inspect the ground for any contaminants or utility lines.

By law, contractors and excavators that work within the five boroughs, and within Nassau and Suffolk Counties, are required to call 811 at least 48 hours and no more than 10 business days before beginning any mechanized digging or excavation work. This is to ensure that any underground lines are marked.

Having utility lines marked before digging is free of charge.

“Making sure that the ground of a dig site is free of any harmful contaminants or important utility lines before any digging occurs is vital for a homeowner or contractor,” Addabbo said. “New York 811 has worked for nearly 30 years to make that process simple for homeowners and contractors. I encourage anyone who plans on digging on their property to reach out to New York 811 before starting.”

Homeowners can contact New York 811 directly at 1-800-272-4480 or by simply calling 811. For excavation work completed on personal property, it is the contractor’s responsibility, not the

homeowner's, to contact New York 811.

New York 811 also helps to promote safe digging practices through various presentations, special events, partnerships, and public education and outreach events. To learn more about the 811 requirement or New York 811 and the services they offer, visit their website at [www.newyork-811.com](http://www.newyork-811.com).