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Arkansas Public Service Commission Announces 811 Day to Encourage Safe Digging

The Arkansas Public Service Commission announces that August 11, 2017 (8/11) has been designated as "National 811 Day". This designation acknowledges the significance of calling 811 before you dig. The Arkansas Public Service Commission's Pipeline Safety Office, Arkansas One Call, and the Common Ground Alliance encourage excavators and homeowners to always call 811 before digging to prevent unintended consequences such as service interruption, environmental damage, personal injury, and even death.

National 811 Day is intended to increase awareness of the national call-before-you-dig number, 811, in order to prevent damage of underground utility facilities. Dialing 811 provides a simple means to contact the Arkansas One Call Center to request utility line locations at the intended dig site. Through education of safe digging practices, excavators and homeowners can save time and money by calling 811 in advance of any digging project; waiting the required amount of time; respecting the marked lines; and digging with care around the marks.

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