

Safety First - ! Call Before You Dig!

If you have any projects planned around your home or business which involve digging or excavation work it is important that you call the Ohio Utilities Protection Service (O.U.P.S.) before you begin the work in order to avoid hitting an underground utility. Calling O.U.P.S. is the only way to know the exact location of a utility line or underground structure. Therefore, before you or your contractor dig call 1-800-362-2764 and as a free service, the respective utility companies will mark the locations of their utility lines within two days. If you would prefer you may also enter your notice electronically through the e-dig system at www.oups.org.

The O.U.P.S. recommends that you call for any of the following types of work:

- Landscaping
- Digging holes for fence posts or a mailbox
- Anchoring supports for decks and swing sets
- Planting trees
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- Installing a retainer wall



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Once your property is marked allow at least an 18 inch zone of undisturbed property on either side of the marked line. If you hit a line you should walk away

immediately and call the utility company listed on the nearest marker and O.U.P.S. even if there appears to be no damage. **If you smell gas, immediately call 9-1-1.**

Even if the project is small, it's still best to call.