

**CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE GUIDE  
BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS**

**SWIMMING POOLS (IN-GROUND OR ABOVE-GROUND),  
SPAS AND HOT TUBS (CONTAINS WATER OVER 24 INCHES DEEP)**

- Please read all of the following information.
- The following is a check list. You must have a “checkmark” in all the sections listed below prior to submitting your application.

\_\_\_\_\_ “Affidavit of Exemption” (See attached form) If you are hiring a contractor to construct your pool, and they have workers’ compensation, have the contractor or their insurance carrier provide us with a “Certificate of Insurance” showing proof of such. If the homeowner or a contractor without workers’ compensation is constructing the pool, the attached form must be completed and notarized.

\_\_\_\_\_ A site plan showing the proposed pool, hot tub or spa location including the distances in feet, to the front, sides and rear property lines.

\_\_\_\_\_ Two (2) sets of complete construction documents that **show in detail** code compliance for all of the work proposed to include **but not limited** to the following information;

\_\_\_\_\_ Safety barrier – show type for your specific pool installation, (fence, walls, etc.) including height. (Barrier requirements attached).

\_\_\_\_\_ If installing deck at pool – take submittal requirements for deck also.

\_\_\_\_\_ Electrical service (pump, filter, receptacles, etc.) show location and type of wiring method. (Electrical requirements attached).

\_\_\_\_\_ Completed building permit application.

MDIA will review plans submitted to determine code compliance. If the minimum submittal requirements are not met, we will ask the applicant to supply additional information. If the minimum requirements are met, the plans will be marked “approved”. A building permit will be issued and the applicant will be notified of the inspection fees and when they can pick-up the permit at the Municipal Building. All fees shall be paid prior to the issuance of the permit. Then use the inspection procedures provided to have all of the required inspections performed.

## **INSPECTION PROCEDURES SWIMMING POOLS, SPAS AND HOT TUBS**

- Building permit must be posted on the site of the work and clearly visible from the road until completion of the project.
- Your approved plans must be available at all times for inspections. These are the plans that were submitted with your application and were marked “Approved” by the Building Code Official.
- The permit applicant or authorized agent is responsible for scheduling all inspections.
- **DO NOT schedule an inspection if the work is not ready!!!!**
- When scheduling an inspection, you must supply your permit number to the inspector.

### **PLEASE GIVE THREE (3) WORKING DAYS ADVANCE NOTICE**

### **FOOTING INSPECTION WILL BE GIVEN PRIORITY**

### **MIDDLE DEPARTMENT INSPECTION AGENCY, INC.**

#### **ALL POOLS:**

1. Electrical Inspection – A. Bonding all metal parts (rebar if concrete, ladder, etc) associated with pool prior to placing concrete. B. Underground to be inspected prior to cover.  
**Inspector: Keith Reiser** **Phone: 1-800-608-6342**
  
2. If Installing Deck Around Or Next To Pool – Use inspection procedure for decks also.  
**Inspector: Keith Reiser** **Phone: 1-800-608-6342**
  
3. Safety Barrier Inspection – Done prior to filling pool with water.  
**Inspector: Keith Reiser** **Phone: 1-800-608-6342**
  
4. Final Electrical  
**Inspector: Keith Reiser** **Phone: 1-800-608-6342**
  
5. Final Inspection – When job is completely finished, prior to occupancy permit and after electrical inspection.  
**Inspector: Keith Reiser** **Phone: 1-800-608-6342**

**BEFORE DIGGING CALL 811 – SEE ATTACHED BROCHURE**

## APPENDIX G

# SWIMMING POOLS, SPAS AND HOT TUBS

(The provisions contained in this appendix are not mandatory unless specifically referenced in the adopting ordinance.)

### SECTION AG101 GENERAL

**AG101.1 General.** The provisions of this appendix shall control the design and construction of swimming pools, spas and hot tubs installed in or on the *lot* of a one- or two-family dwelling.

**AG101.2 Pools in flood hazard areas.** Pools that are located in flood hazard areas established by Table R301.2(1), including above-ground pools, on-ground pools that involve placement of fill, shall comply with Sections AG101.2.1 or AG101.2.2.

**Exception:** Pools located in riverine flood hazard areas which are outside of designated floodways.

**AG101.2.1 Pools located in designated floodways.** Where pools are located in designated floodways, documentation shall be submitted to the *building official*, which demonstrates that the construction of the pool will not increase the design flood elevation at any point within the *jurisdiction*.

**AG101.2.2 Pools located where floodways have not been designated.** Where pools are located where design flood elevations are specified but floodways have not been designated, the applicant shall provide a floodway analysis that demonstrates that the proposed pool will not increase the design flood elevation more than 1 foot (305 mm) at any point within the *jurisdiction*.

### SECTION AG102 DEFINITIONS

**AG102.1 General.** For the purposes of these requirements, the terms used shall be defined as follows and as set forth in Chapter 2.

**ABOVE-GROUND/ON-GROUND POOL.** See "Swimming pool."

**BARRIER.** A fence, wall, building wall or combination thereof which completely surrounds the swimming pool and obstructs access to the swimming pool.

**HOT TUB.** See "Swimming pool."

**IN-GROUND POOL.** See "Swimming pool."

**RESIDENTIAL.** That which is situated on the premises of a detached one- or two-family dwelling or a one-family *town house* not more than three stories in height.

**SPA, NONPORTABLE.** See "Swimming pool."

**SPA, PORTABLE.** A nonpermanent structure intended for recreational bathing, in which all controls, water-heating and water-circulating *equipment* are an integral part of the product.

**SWIMMING POOL.** Any structure intended for swimming or

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recreational bathing that contains water over 24 inches (610 mm) deep. This includes in-ground, above-ground and on-ground swimming pools, hot tubs and spas.

**SWIMMING POOL, INDOOR.** A swimming pool which is totally contained within a structure and surrounded on all four sides by the walls of the enclosing structure.

**SWIMMING POOL, OUTDOOR.** Any swimming pool which is not an indoor pool.

### SECTION AG103 SWIMMING POOLS

**AG103.1 In-ground pools.** In-ground pools shall be designed and constructed in conformance with ANSI/NSPI-5 as listed in Section AG108.

**AG103.2 Above-ground and on-ground pools.** Above-ground and on-ground pools shall be designed and constructed in conformance with ANSI/NSPI-4 as listed in Section AG108.

**AG103.3 Pools in flood hazard areas.** In flood hazard areas established by Table R301.2(1), pools in coastal high hazard areas shall be designed and constructed in conformance with ASCE 24.

### SECTION AG104 SPAS AND HOT TUBS

**AG104.1 Permanently installed spas and hot tubs.** Permanently installed spas and hot tubs shall be designed and constructed in conformance with ANSI/NSPI-3 as listed in Section AG108.

**AG104.2 Portable spas and hot tubs.** Portable spas and hot tubs shall be designed and constructed in conformance with ANSI/NSPI-6 as listed in Section AG108.

### SECTION AG105 BARRIER REQUIREMENTS

**AG105.1 Application.** The provisions of this chapter shall control the design of barriers for residential swimming pools, spas and hot tubs. These design controls are intended to provide protection against potential drownings and near-drownings by restricting access to swimming pools, spas and hot tubs.

**AG105.2 Outdoor swimming pool.** An outdoor swimming pool, including an in-ground, above-ground or on-ground pool, hot tub or spa shall be surrounded by a barrier which shall comply with the following:

1. The top of the barrier shall be at least 48 inches (1219 mm) above *grade* measured on the side of the barrier which faces away from the swimming pool. The maximum vertical clearance between grade and the bottom of the barrier shall be 2 inches (51 mm) measured on the side of the barrier which faces away from the swimming pool. Where the top of the pool structure is above grade, such as an above-ground pool, the barrier may be at ground level, such as the pool structure, or mounted on top of the pool structure.

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Where the barrier is mounted on top of the pool structure, the maximum vertical clearance between the top of the pool structure and the bottom of the barrier shall be 4 inches (102 mm).

2. Openings in the barrier shall not allow passage of a 4-inch-diameter (102 mm) sphere.
3. Solid barriers which do not have openings, such as a masonry or stone wall, shall not contain indentations or protrusions except for normal construction tolerances and tooled masonry joints.

4. Where the barrier is composed of horizontal and vertical members and the distance between the tops of the horizontal members is less than 45 inches (1143 mm), the horizontal members shall be located on the swimming pool side of the fence. Spacing between vertical members shall not exceed 1 ¾ inches (44 mm) in width. Where there are decorative cutouts within vertical members, spacing within the cutouts shall not exceed 1 ¾ inches (44 mm) in width.
5. Where the barrier is composed of horizontal and vertical members and the distance between the tops of the horizontal members is 45 inches (1143 mm) or more, spacing between vertical members shall not exceed 4 inches (102 mm). Where there are decorative cutouts within vertical members, spacing within the cutouts shall not exceed 1 ¾ inches (44 mm) in width.
6. Maximum mesh size for chain link fences shall be a 2 ¼ inch (57 mm) square unless the fence has slats fastened at the top or the bottom which reduce the openings to not more than 1 ¾ inches (44 mm).
7. Where the barrier is composed of diagonal members, such as a lattice fence, the maximum opening formed by the diagonal members shall not be more than 1 ¾ inches (44 mm).
8. Access gates shall comply with the requirements of Section AG105.2, Items 1 through 7, and shall be equipped to accommodate a locking device. Pedestrian access gates shall open outward away from the pool and shall be self-closing and have a self-latching device. Gates other than pedestrian access gates shall have a self-latching device. Where the release mechanism of the self-latching device is located less than 54 inches (1372 mm) from the bottom of the gate, the release mechanism and openings shall comply with the following:
  - 8.1. The release mechanism shall be located on the pool side of the gate at least 3 inches (76 mm) below the top of the gate; and
  - 8.2. The gate and barrier shall have no opening larger than ½ inch (12.7 mm) within 18 inches (457 mm) of the release mechanism.
9. Where a wall of a *dwelling* serves as part of the barrier, one of the following conditions shall be met:
  - 9.1. The pool shall be equipped with a powered safety cover in compliance with ASTM F1346; or
  - 9.2. Doors with direct access to the pool through that wall shall be equipped with an alarm which produces an audible warning when the door and/or its screen, if present, are opened. The alarm shall be listed in *and labeled* in accordance with UL 2017. The deactivation switch(es) shall be located at least 54 inches (1372 mm) above the threshold of the door; or

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- 9.3. Other means of protection, such as self-closing doors with self-latching devices, which are *approved* by the governing body, shall be acceptable as long as the degree of protection afforded is not less than the protection afforded by Item 9.1 or 9.2 described above.
10. Where an above-ground pool structure is used as a barrier or where the barrier is mounted on top of the pool structure, and the means of access is a ladder or steps:
  - 10.1. The ladder or steps shall be capable of being secured, locked or removed to prevent access; or

- 10.2. The ladder or steps shall be surrounded by a barrier which meets the requirements of Section AG105.2, Items 1 through 9. When the ladder or steps are secured, locked or removed, any opening created shall not allow the passage of a 4-inch-diameter (102 mm) sphere.

**AG105.3 Indoor swimming pool.** Walls surrounding an indoor swimming pool shall comply with Section AG105.2, Item 9.

**AG105.4 Prohibited locations.** Barriers shall be located to prohibit permanent structures, *equipment* or similar objects from being used to climb them.

**AG105.5 Barrier exceptions.** Spas or hot tubs with a safety cover which complies with ASTM F 1346, as listed in Section AG107, shall be exempt from the provisions of this appendix.

**SECTION AG106  
ENTRAPMENT PROTECTION FOR SWIMMING  
POOL AND SPA SUCTION OUTLETS**

**AG106.1 General.** Suction outlets shall be designed and installed in accordance with ANSI/APSP-7.

**SECTION AG107  
ABBREVIATIONS**

**AG107.1 General.**

ANSI-American National Standards Institute  
11 West 42<sup>nd</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10036

APSP-Association of Pool and Spa Professionals  
NSPI-National Spa and Pool Institute  
2111 Eisenhower Avenue  
Alexandria, VA 22314

ASCE-American Society of Civil Engineers  
1801 Alexander Bell Drive  
Reston, VA 98411-0700

ASTM-ASTM International  
100 Barr Harbor Drive  
West Conshohocken, PA 19428

UL-Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.  
333 Pfingsten Road  
Northbrook, IL 60062-2096

**SECTION AG108  
STANDARDS**

**AG108.1 General.**

**ANSI/NSPI**

ANSI/NSPI-3-99 Standard for  
Permanently Installed Residential Spas.....AG104.1

ANSI/NSPI-4-99 Standard for Above-ground/  
On-ground Residential Swimming Pools.....AG103.2

ANSI/NSPI-5-2003 Standard for

Residential In-ground Swimming Pools.....AG103.1

ANSI/NSPI-6-99 Standard for  
Residential Portable Spas.....AG104.2

**ANSI/APSP**

ANSI/APSP-7-06 Standard for Suction Entrapment  
Avoidance in Swimming Pools, Wading Pools, Spas,  
Hot Tubs and Catch Basins.....AG106.1

**ASCE**

ASCE/SEI-24-05 Flood Resistant  
Design and Construction.....AG103.3

**ASTM**

ASTM F 1346-91 (2003) Performance  
Specification for Safety Covers and Labeling  
Requirements for All Covers for Swimming Pools,  
Spas and Hot  
Tubs.....AG105.2,AG105.5

**UL**

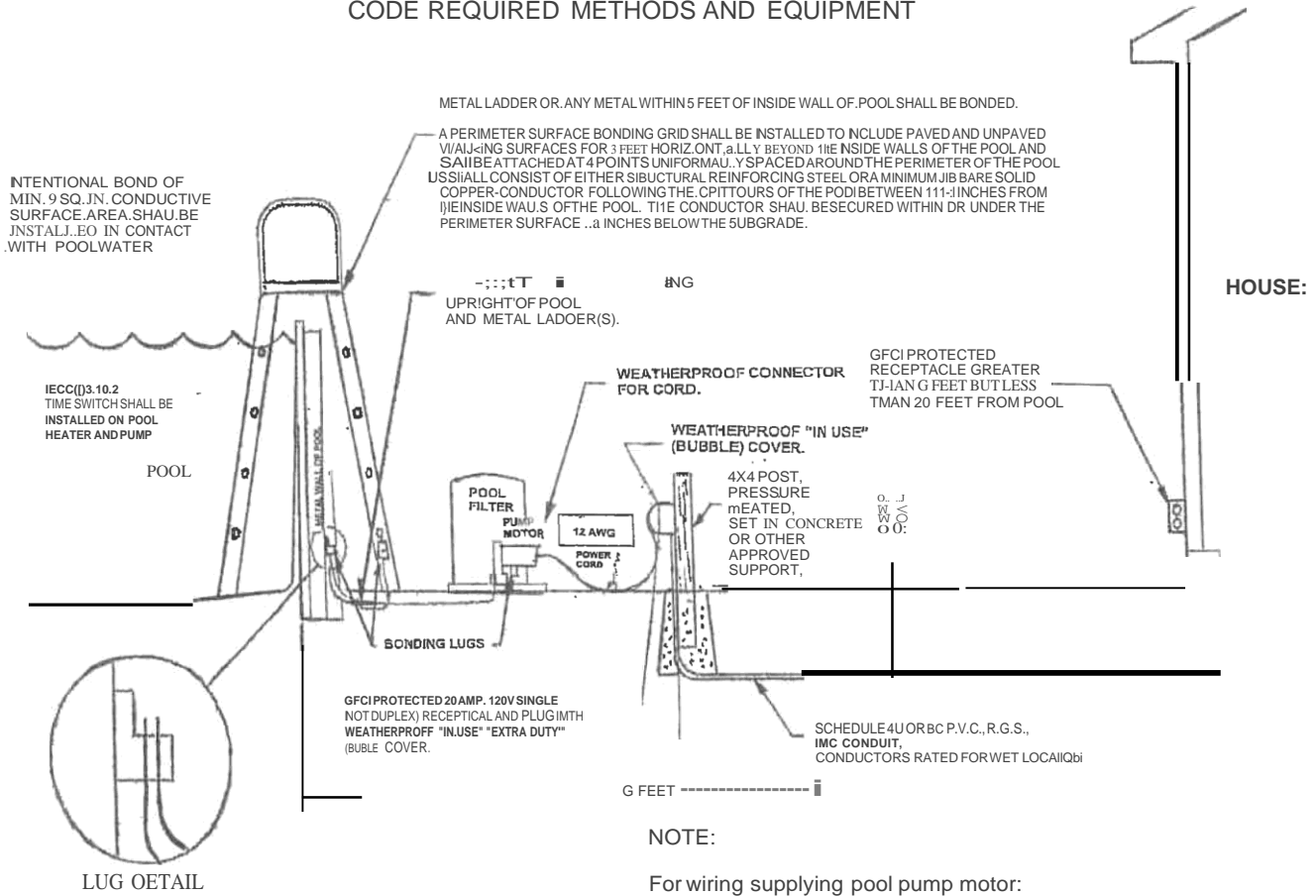
UL 2017-2000 Standard for General-purpose  
Signaling Devices and Systems-with Revisions  
Through June 2004.....AG105.2

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## TYPICAL WIRING DIAGRAM FOR AN ABOVE-GROUND POOL SHOWING CODE REQUIRED METHODS AND EQUIPMENT



**THIS FORM REQUIRES A NOTARY SEAL**

**AFFIDAVIT OF EXEMPTION**

The undersigned affirm that he/she is not required to provide workers compensation insurance under the provisions of Pennsylvania's Workers' Compensation Law for one of the following reasons, as indicated:

\_\_\_\_\_ Property owner performing own work. If property owner does hire contractor to perform any work pursuant to building permit, contractor must provide proof of workers' compensation insurance to the municipality. Homeowner assumes liability for contractor compliance with this requirement.

\_\_\_\_\_ Contractor has no employees. Contractor prohibited by law from employing any individual to perform work pursuant to this building permit unless contractor provides proof of insurance to the municipality.

\_\_\_\_\_ Religious exemption under the Workers' Compensation Law. All employees of contractor are exempt from workers' compensation insurance (attach copies of religious exemption letter for all employees).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

County of \_\_\_\_\_

Municipality of \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed, sworn to and acknowledged before me  
by the above \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ Day  
of \_\_\_\_\_  
20 \_\_\_\_\_.

**SEAL**

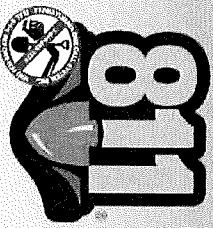
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**Notary Public**



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**Know what's  
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**Dial 8-1-1  
before you dig.**



**TEMPORARY MARKING GUIDELINES**

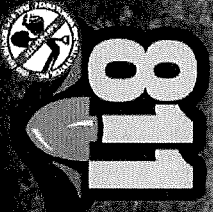
WHITE	Proposed Excavation
PINK	Temporary Survey Markings
RED	Electric Power Lines, Cables, Control and Lighting Cables
YELLOW	Gas, Oil Steam, Petroleum or Gaseous Materials, Hazardous Materials
ORANGE	Communication, Alarm or Signal Lines, Cables or Conductors and Traffic Loops
BLUE	Potable Water
PURPLE	Reclaimed Water, Irrigation and Storm Lines
GREEN	Sewers and Drain Lines

The following information is needed when you call PA One Call System.

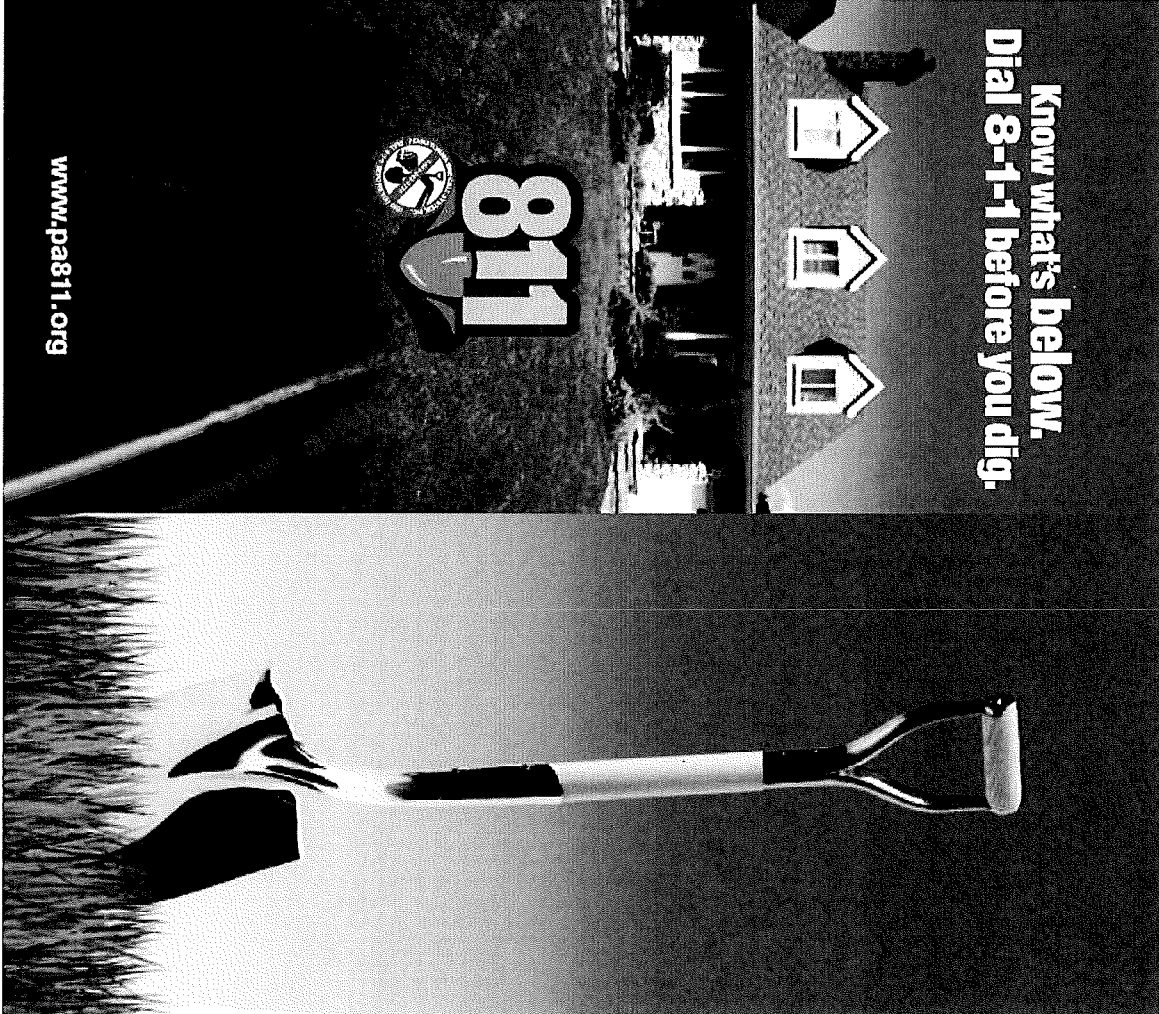
**YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER**  
**YOUR MAILING ADDRESS**  
**COUNTY** - The name of the county where the work will take place  
**MUNICIPALITY** - City, Township or Borough where the work will take place  
**THE ADDRESS WHERE THE WORK WILL TAKE PLACE**  
**THE NEAREST INTERSECTING STREET TO THE WORK SITE**  
**THE NAME OF A SECOND INTERSECTION NEAR THE WORK SITE**  
**IS THE PROPOSED EXCAVATION AREA (WORK SITE) MARKED IN WHITE** - Yes or No  
**OTHER INFORMATION THAT WOULD HELP THE LOCATOR FIND THE SITE** - Card/yng information to specify the exact location of the dig  
**THE TYPE OF WORK BEING DONE**  
**WHETHER THE WORK WILL TAKE PLACE IN:** Street, Sidewalk, Public or Private Property  
**THE APPROXIMATE DEPTH YOU ARE DIGGING**  
**THE EXTENT OF THE EXCAVATION** - The approximate size of the opening, the length and width or diameter  
**THE METHOD OF EXCAVATION** - How will the earth be moved  
**WHO IS THE WORK BEING DONE FOR**  
**PERSON TO CONTACT IF THE UTILITIES HAVE QUESTIONS**  
**THE CONTACT PERSON'S PHONE NUMBER** - The phone number with area code for daytime contact  
**THE BEST TIME TO CALL**  
**FAX NUMBER AND/OR EMAIL ADDRESS** - The responses from the facility owners will be sent to you  
**SCHEDULED EXCAVATION DATE AND START TIME** - not less than 3 business days or more than 10 business days  
**DURATION OF A JOB** - How long will the job take  
**ANY ADDITIONAL REMARKS YOU MAY HAVE**

You will be given a 10 digit serial number as confirmation of your call and our system will send you the responses from the utilities on the morning of your scheduled excavation date via fax or email.

**Know what's below.  
Dial 8-1-1 before you dig.**



[www.pa811.org](http://www.pa811.org)



## What do we do?

We are the "Call before you dig!" company for all of Pennsylvania. If you plan to disturb the earth with powered equipment, you are required by Pennsylvania law to notify the underground utility companies of your intent to do so. Notification occurs by calling 8-1-1 or 1-800-242-1776, 24 hours of the day, every day of the year. Notification can also be done on our website at [www.paonecall.org](http://www.paonecall.org).

We will then notify the utility companies nearby of your intent to dig. The utility companies are responsible to mark where their underground lines are located with colored flags, paint or chalk.

### Please Note:

- PA One Call does not mark utility lines.
- In some cases, the utility company may not mark the service lines you own.
- If you need your sewer drain cleaned be sure to check [www.paonecall.org/crossore](http://www.paonecall.org/crossore) or Call Before You Dig information or call 8-1-1 for more information.

## Why should you call?

Safe digging is no accident! If you are installing a fence or deck, or digging for a mailbox post, patio or other excavation project, it is important to know what's below. Dial 8-1-1 or 1-800-242-1776 before you dig. The utility companies do not want an accident, either. The best way to learn where underground utility lines are located is to call before you dig.

For more information, visit [www.pa811.org](http://www.pa811.org)



## Homeowner Quick Tips

- One easy phone call to 8-1-1 three to ten business days before digging begins helps keep your neighborhood safe.
- Call on Monday or Tuesday if you plan to dig on Saturday or Sunday.
- The utility companies will mark where their underground lines are located with colored paint, flags or chalk.
- Do not remove the flags if you see them in your yard.
- Our service is no cost to homeowners.
- Did you hire someone to install your fence, deck or new patio? Ask to see the PA One Call serial number before allowing them to dig on your property.

## The Excavator's Responsibility

- Dial 8-1-1 or 1-800-242-1776.
- Do not allow anyone to excavate on your property without calling.
- Always look for the markings on the ground before your dig date.
- If you do not see markings, do not allow anyone to dig. Wait for the lines to be marked by the utility.
- Whoever places the call will receive an email or fax with a list of facility owners who have marked or have not marked. Pay attention to this message.
- Respect the markings by not removing flags or disturbing the actual markings.
- Exercise care around the marked lines by hand digging.
- When the project is complete, the excavator should remove the flags or marks from the ground or pavement.
- Report mishaps by dialing 8-1-1. Report emergencies by dialing 9-1-1.