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SAFE DIGGING

# MYTHBUSTERS



Challenge



## How did you do?

### Check your Answers

#1

I've called SC811 before and remember where the utilities are located.

**MYTH BUSTED!**

The fact is... the depth of pipelines and other utilities can change over time due to natural forces such as erosion or other dirt moving activities. Or, perhaps new facilities were installed since the last time you called 811.



Know what's below.  
Call **811** before you dig.

#2

I'm just planting this small tree and not digging very deep.

**MYTH BUSTED!**

The fact is... All digging jobs, even small jobs like planting a tree or installing a mailbox requires a call to locate utility lines. The depth of utilities is not specific and can change over time. Better to be safe than sorry, even for a small project.

#3

I'm installing a fence in the backyard. Utilities are only in the front.

**MYTH BUSTED!**

Utilities can run through any part of your yard - front, back or side. They may even run in fields behind your home. There are over 20 million miles of underground utilities in the U.S.

#4

I've hired a professional to do the work so it's not MY responsibility to call.

**MYTH BUSTED!**

If excavation work is being conducted on your property be proactive to protect yourself, your neighbors and the contractor's crew by calling to have your utilities located at least 3-business days before the work begins.

#5

Calling SC811 is free and it's required by law.

**IT'S A FACT JACK!**

Calling 811 is a FREE service and it's the law! Member utilities hire employees or contractors to locate underground facilities to protect costly infrastructure and the community. The law was enacted in 2012 allowing for fines up to \$1,000 plus the cost of necessary repairs.