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Consumer Advisory

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April is Safe Digging Month!

DCPSC urges District residents to call 811 before any digging projects this spring

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) – The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (Commission) recognizes April as Safe Digging Month. With the commencement of the Spring season, the Commission reminds all District residents and business owners to call 811, before starting any digging projects, regardless of the size. Any unauthorized digging project could cause a substantial health and safety risk to residents if a underground utility line is hit. Residents are urged to call 811 at least two days before starting any digging projects, which in the District is [Miss Utility](#).

“Any digging that goes unreported to 811 is unsafe and irresponsible,” stated Commission Chairman Emile Thompson. “An accidental hit to a gas line, even from a simple project, can cause severe gas leaks, flooding, and even loss of life that affects a large number of residents. It is important that we maintain a safe environment for all residents and the Commission appreciates the public’s cooperation in maintaining environmental safety.”

Contacting Miss Utility through 811 supports environmental preservation and prevents unintended damage. Professional locators will be dispatched to the dig site to mark the approximate location of any underground lines at no cost.

For more information on natural gas pipeline safety and damage prevention in the District, please visit: <https://dcpssc.org/Utility-Information/Natural-Gas/Natural-Gas-Pipeline-Safety-and-Damage-Prevention.aspx>

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