



FARM SAFETY CHECK

SAFE DIGGING SAFETY CHECKLIST

Preparation is the first step on any project. Before starting a new digging project on the farm, call 811 before you dig. Hitting a buried utility is dangerous and expensive, and it's the law to call 811 before you dig. Remember: small or big, call then dig.

You and/or your employee(s) can use this form to complete safety checks on your farm. Use the form below to list additional safety checks you think are important when inspecting your farm. Keep the completed forms for follow-up, future reference and inspections. Additional copies of this form can be downloaded at:

<http://umash.umn.edu/umash-farm-safety-check/>

| Potential Hazard | Yes | Needs Correction | Date Corrected or Notes |
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| Do you know what kind of projects you should call 811 for? Some include installing fence, drain tile, contouring | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Do you have the right information available for 811? This includes: location, type of project, timing of project | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Did you call 811 before you starting to dig? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Have you allowed required time for markings? Generally this takes 48-72 hours | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Do you respect all markings? Flags, paint, and other markers indicate utilities. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Do you have a plan to excavate carefully? Pothole or hand-digging helps determine exact utility location. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Are you aware of the hazards of the utilities? Ignition, burns, or oxygen displacement may be hazards. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Do you have an emergency plan in place in the event contact is made with a pipeline or buried utility? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Are you calling 811 for all projects? Utility depth can change over time so assumptions are risky. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Is everyone trained to recognize unsafe conditions, like leaks or damage to a utility? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

Name of person completing safety check: _____ Date completed: ____/____/____

SEE THE NEXT PAGE FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Excavation Safety Guide

Pipeline Ag Safety Alliance

<http://www.pipelineagsafetyalliance.com/index.php/photos-video/ag-excavation-safety-guide>

Call 811 Agricultural Toolkits

Call 811

<http://commongroundalliance.com/damage-prevention/toolkits/811-agriculture-toolkit>

811 and Pipeline Safety for your Farm

eXtension

<https://articles.extension.org/pages/72268/811-and-pipeline-safety-for-your-farm>

7 myths about safe digging

Enbridge

https://www.enbridge.com/~media/Enb/Documents/Infographics/IG_7MythsAboutSafeDigging.pdf

A dig mistake can be a big mistake

Xcel Energy

<https://stories.xcelenergy.com/news/A%20dig%20mistake%20can%20be%20a%20big%20mistake>

Locate the 811 Call Center in your State

call811.com

<https://call811.com/811-your-state>

The facts and information provided are suggestions for your safety, but are in no way a comprehensive and exhaustive list of all actions needed to ensure your safety, and are not an endorsement of any products mentioned.

For additional Farm Safety Check topics and resources, visit: <http://umash.umn.edu/umash-farm-safety-check/>

To receive Farm Safety Check topics via email, join the UMASH email list at <http://umash.umn.edu/join-our-email-list>

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