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Call Gopher State One Call before Digging

The City of Shakopee would like to remind residents planning to plant a tree, install a fence or landscape the yard that they can do so safely and avoid damaging underground utility lines by calling Gopher State One Call (GSOC) at **651-454-0002** at least two business days before starting the project.

Minnesota law requires everyone who intends to excavate to provide at least two full working days notice to utilities. This requirement can be met easily by contacting the GSOC.

Persons calling GSOC will be asked for their name, address and phone number; the type of work that will be done; and where and when the digging will take place on the property. Next, the caller should mark the project location with white paint or stakes. GSOC will send representatives from the different utilities to mark the lines within the project area.

The service is free of charge to the caller. GSOC is paid for in full by Minnesota utility companies.

Each year, utility lines are severed or damaged and sometimes people are seriously injured because they dig without knowing what is below the ground. This can be avoided by calling the Gopher State One Call and having the utility lines marked.

More information and tips are available on the Public Works/Engineering page of the City's website (www.ci.shakopee.mn.us) or at www.gopherstateonecall.org.

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