



# Safety Starts Before the Fence Goes Up!



As a fence construction professional, you play a key role in preventing damage to underground utilities.

Contact Virginia 811 three days before you dig to avoid utility line damage. No matter the size of your project, requesting public utility line markings helps prevent physical injury, property damage, costly repairs, and service interruptions, ensuring a safer project for you, your team, and the community.

**Before You Dig the First Post Hole**

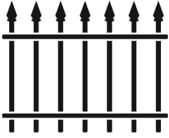
**Know what's below.**

**811 before you dig.**

**It's fast, free, and the law!**

# Fencing Leads the Way

“FENCE: Install, Repair, or Replace” was the most common work type in Virginia in 2024.



Whether you're installing a new fence or making repairs, submitting a locate request to Virginia 811 is the first step to ensuring a safe project. Protect your crew, your project, and the community by requesting utility line markings before you dig.

## Safe Digging Begins with the Dig with CARE Message

- C** Contact Virginia 811 Before You Dig
- A** Allow the Required Time for Marking
- R** Respect and Protect the Marks
- E** Excavate Carefully

## APWA COLOR CODES FOR MARKING UNDERGROUND UTILITY LINES

-  **RED** | Electric Power Lines, Cables, Conduit and Lighting Cables
-  **YELLOW** | Gas, Oil, Steam, Petroleum or Gaseous Materials
-  **ORANGE** | Communication, Alarm, or Signal Lines, Cables or Conduit
-  **BLUE** | Potable Water
-  **PURPLE** | Reclaimed Water, Irrigation and Slurry Lines
-  **GREEN** | Sewer and Drain Lines
-  **PINK** | Temporary Survey Markings
-  **WHITE** | Proposed Excavation

## Public vs. Private Lines

Some utility lines on properties will not be marked by Virginia 811 members because they are not owned by our members. These can include underground lines to septic tanks, electric lines to sheds or landscape lighting, lawn sprinkler systems and more.



### Examples of Private Lines

- Sprinkler systems
- Lines related to satellite or dish television
- Landscape lighting
- Invisible pet fences
- Septic tanks and lines associated with them
- Propane tanks and lines associated with them
- Electric lines to out buildings (detached garages or sheds)

**Here's one general rule:** If the utility runs from the street to the meter, it will be marked up to the meter. If the utility is installed from the meter to another location on the property, it will not be marked.

## Virginia 811 Locate Request Resources

### Single Address Ticket (SAT)

Get Started with SAT  
[VA811.com/Single-Address-Tickets](https://va811.com/Single-Address-Tickets)  
or scan the QR code



### Ticket Revision Express (TRE)

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