

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, failure to locate underground utilities before digging may result in unintentionally hitting underground pipes, leading to penalties, repair costs, inconveniences, outages, injuries, or even death; and

WHEREAS, Washington's free 811 one-call service notifies the appropriate utility companies of an intent to dig; and

WHEREAS, the one-call center dispatches professional locators to the requested digging site to make the approximate locations of underground lines, safely alerting the dig crew of danger below; and

WHEREAS, all residents and professional excavators are required by law to call 811 at least two business days before they dig; and

WHEREAS, April marks the start of the spring digging season for homeowners, landscapers and construction companies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Ferguson, governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim April 2025 as

Safe Digging Month

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.



Signed this 28th day of March, 2025

Bob Ferguson

Governor Bob Ferguson