



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Before You Dig, Dial 811**

**Menifee, CA** – If you plan on digging, whether it's for an irrigation line or a major construction project, make sure to dial 811 before you begin. By making a quick call, you can avoid injury or damage to underground lines.

Utility lines for electrical power, natural gas, communications, sewer and other services could be within a few feet of the ground's surface. By exercising caution and calling 811, you will ensure that local utility companies are notified of your project so they can identify whether underground facilities are located at the excavation site.

Contractors and homeowners are required by state law to call 811 for an Underground Service Alert (USA) at least two days prior to beginning any work. When utility companies come to mark your digging site, they'll use colored paint or stakes to mark utility lines within your digging area. Each type of utility has a unique color:

- Red - Electric
- Yellow - Gas, oil, steam
- Orange - Communication
- Blue - Potable water
- Purple - Reclaimed water
- Green - Sewer

Contacting 811 before digging can prevent damage claims and save lives. USA is available to take your information online 24/7 or by phone from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. All utilities require two business days to mark underground lines. Learn more about USA markings by visiting [www.DigAlert.org](http://www.DigAlert.org).

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**ABOUT MENIFEE:** *Situated in the heart of southern Riverside County along Interstate 215, Menifee is a vibrant, new city of more than 94,000 residents who enjoy a pleasant year-round climate, abundant recreational offerings, reasonably priced housing and convenient proximity to some of Southern California's premiere attractions and employment centers. Within its 50 square miles, Menifee's business, retail and entertainment outlets are starting to shape the community's character and this growing economic base is also contributing favorably to the city's strong financial position. Menifee's growing family-oriented*

*population values the city's ongoing commitment to public safety, community events and smart growth for the future. All of these elements are working together to support the city's strategic vision to make Menifee one of the state's most promising new cities.*

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