Call 811 Before You Dig!

Before Digging, Know What's Underground
Electric power lines, natural gas pipelines, communications lines, high-pressure water lines, sewer lines and other utility services could be within a few feet of the surface. For homeowners, excavating in your yard poses some risk. Digging into an underground electric line can cause power outages and personal injury from shock or electrocution. These underground facilities are not always located out in the street. So whether you are grading, installing sprinklers, or planting a tree.

Underground Service Alert (USA) is a free service for homeowners, excavators and professional contractors who are digging, blasting, trenching, drilling, grading, or excavating.

USA is available to take your calls from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for holidays. All utilities have two business days (7 a.m. to 5 p.m.) to mark and locate underground lines. When you contact USA, The City of Oxnard Water Resources Division and other utilities are notified so they can identify whether they have underground facilities at the excavation site. We will either mark the area and/or notify you that the area is clear.
Remember — We only mark Water and Wastewater lines owned and maintained by the City of Santa Paula. Telephone, communications, gas and electric underground lines must be located and marked by the respective utilities.

Calling before you dig cannot only save you money from a damage claim, but it can also save your life.

For more information on Underground Service Alert, visit www.call811.com
Here are a few tips to follow that will help you to be successful with your planned excavation project:

- Plan the excavation.
- Calls to 811 can be made up to 14 days in advance. Advanced notice helps utilities schedule their mark and locate resources.
- Call USA at least 2 working days prior to the start of excavation.
- Determine the limits of your excavation.
- Mark-out your excavation in white paint.