



Lawmakers Change North Dakota One Call Rules

If you are planning to dig with any project, large or small, it requires a call to North Dakota One Call. Calling 811 or North Dakota One Call allows utility professionals to locate and mark any underground utilities in the area of your dig. Calling 811 is free and can actually save you from fines up to \$25,000.

With the significant amount of growth in the state, North Dakota One Call requests have more than doubled in the last year. Damaging an underground facility has caused injury and death. By using North Dakota One Call or 811, the danger of injury, death, and the destruction of utility systems are significantly reduced.

North Dakota One Call Changes Effective August 1, 2013 are:

- Potential fines increase from \$5,000 or \$25,000 per violation.
- Extends the amount of valid days lines are marked from 10 days to 21 days.
- Allows utility companies to charge a fee upon the third time a relocate is requested and no excavation has occurred.

Whether you are planting a tree or building a home, remember to call 811 before you dig! If you have any questions about these changes, please contact our office at 701.284.7221.