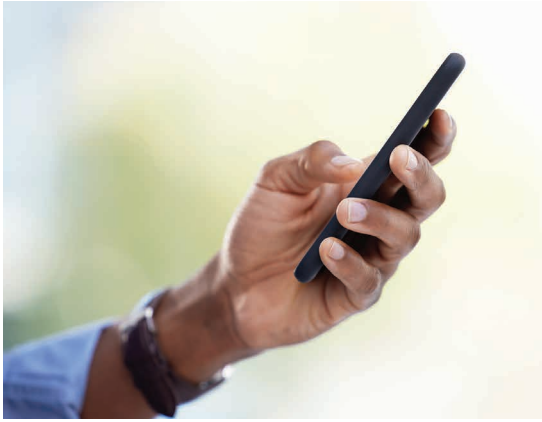




Cleaning up after a storm?

See inside for safe digging tips





Plan a safe project



Mark your project area in white.



Call 811 or visit **california811.org** at least two working days before you dig and plant. California law requires contractors and construction professionals to use this **FREE** one-call service. The date of notification does not count as part of the two working-day notice. For example: If excavation will begin on Friday, an excavator must call no later than Tuesday.



Leave all colored flags, stakes or paint that mark underground lines in place until you finish digging. These markers, placed by utility companies, are **valid for 28 days**.



Use hand tools **at all times** when working within 24 inches of the outside edge of any underground lines.

Know what's below

811 is a **FREE**, one-call service that notifies local utility companies to locate and mark their underground facilities so you can dig safely. Calling **811** or visiting **california811.org** can prevent potential hazards like digging into underground electric lines and natural gas pipelines.



Understand utility markings

Look for these markings to know what utilities are underground.

PROPOSED EXCAVATION	TEMPORARY SURVEY MARKING
ELECTRIC POWERLINES	GAS, OIL, STEAM, CHEMICAL
CABLE, COMMUNICATION	SEWER, STORM DRAIN
RECLAIMED WATER, IRRIGATION	POTABLE WATER

Identify a natural gas leak

Natural gas pipeline leaks can occur due to careless or unsafe excavation and may lead to evacuations, natural gas service outages, fire, property damage or serious injury.



Smell: Smelling a "rotten egg" odor may be an indication of a gas leak due to the odorant we add for your safety*.



Sound: Listen for hissing, whistling or roaring sounds coming from underground or gas appliances.



Sight: Look for dirt spraying into the air, bubbling in a pond or creek and dead/dying vegetation in an otherwise moist area.

Respond to a gas leak

If you damage an underground facility or suspect a gas leak:

1. Leave the area immediately and move to an upwind location. Alert others of possible danger.
2. Call **911** to notify emergency personnel and call PG&E at **1-800-743-5000**.

*Some people may not be able to smell the odor due to a diminished sense of smell, olfactory fatigue (normal, temporary inability to distinguish an odor after prolonged exposure), or because it is masked or hidden by other odors. Also, certain conditions in the pipe and soil can cause odor fade—the loss of odorant—so that it is not detectable by smell.

