

# Call 8-1-1 and Dig Safely

Safe digging just got easier with 8-1-1. That's the new number to call before you dig on your property to be sure there aren't any underground utility lines where you plan to dig.

The new, national 8-1-1 number eliminates the confusion of multiple "Call Before You Dig" numbers because it is easy to use and doesn't change – no matter where you live.

When you call 8-1-1, before starting a digging project, such as building a deck, a sunken patio or planting a tree, your call will be routed to a local Miss Utility center. The local center will then send out a professional within a few days who will mark where the buried utility lines are at the digging location. Once the underground lines have been marked, you will know their approximate location and can dig safely.

It is wise to know what's below before digging, because it protects you and your family from injury. If you hit an underground utility line while digging, you can harm yourself or those around you, disrupt service to an entire neighborhood and potentially be responsible for fines and repair costs.

Remember, safe digging starts with 8-1-1 – the number to call before you dig.



**Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.**

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# Community *focus*

## *A Letter From Kim Watson*

### *Dear Community Leader:*

It's been a hot summer, so may I invite you to relax and cool off with the latest edition of Pepco's Community Focus.

I'm pleased to report that we continue to make significant progress in improving our street light maintenance program. Lights are getting fixed faster and the backlog of complaints has been reduced considerably. Page 3 has the details.

Environmental issues have some customers wanting to generate their own power with renewable energy resources such as solar panels and windmills. Pepco supports the effort with a program called Green Power Connection™. You'll find the article on page 2.

Maryland regulators have approved a billing adjustment that will help promote energy conservation. It's a win-win situation for customers and Pepco. Read all about it on page 3.

I think you'll find this edition of Community Focus particularly informative. Enjoy the rest of summer and thanks for reading.

Sincerely,

Vice President, Maryland Affairs  
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