



One of the most common reasons people skip contacting 811 before digging is the belief that their project isn't deep enough to hit underground utilities. **This dangerous misconception puts lives and property at risk every day.**

The truth about underground utilities:

- Some utilities are buried just inches below the surface.
- Erosion and maintenance can affect utility depth over time.
- Utility depth can vary widely, even within the same property.
- There is NO "safe depth" for digging without proper notification.



No dig is too small to be dangerous!

Even shallow digging can disrupt buried utilities.

Stay safe — follow the 811 process before you start.

811 Safety is in your hands.
EVERY DIG. EVERY TIME.

Whether you're a homeowner planting a garden, installing a mailbox, or a professional excavator working on a major project: **Contact Texas811 at least two business days before every dig, every time.**

Remember, hitting a utility line can result in:

- Serious injury or death
- Service disruptions to entire neighborhoods
- Expensive repairs and fines
- Project delays and business losses
- Legal liability

When the stakes are this high, is "I didn't think it was deep enough" really a risk you want to take? No amount of experience can tell you exactly what's underground at every site. Every new dig requires a new 811 notification.