

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; each year, America's underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized by those who fail to notify the appropriate utilities prior to digging; and

*WHEREAS*; the Diggers Hotline—Wisconsin's free one-call service that should be used to notify utilities of an intent to dig—can be reached by dialing 8-1-1; and

*WHEREAS*; upon receiving an excavation notice, utility facility owners are required to dispatch locators to mark the approximate location of underground lines; and

*WHEREAS*; anyone who engages in excavation, from a homeowner installing a mailbox to a professional excavator completing a major project, is required by law in Wisconsin to call 8-1-1 at least three days before digging; and

*WHEREAS*; consequences of failing to call 8-1-1 to have underground utility lines located can include disruption of vital utility services, dangerous or costly leaks, environmental damage, fires, explosions, injury, or even death; and

*WHEREAS*; by making a simple call to 8-1-1, respecting the marked lines, waiting the required amount of time, and digging with care, excavators and homeowners can save time and money and help keep themselves and their neighbors safe and connected; and


*WHEREAS*; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin and the Diggers Hotline in reminding all Wisconsinites that safe digging is a shared responsibility and to call 8-1-1 in advance of any digging project;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim April 2024 as

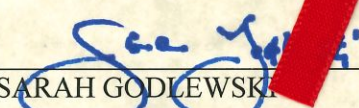
## SAFE DIGGING MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my hand and caused the  
Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin  
to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in  
the City of Madison this 22nd day  
of March 2024.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State

