

## **AFTER THE FIRE: CALL 811**

If wildfire damaged your property above ground, one important phone call can help you avoid another major problem below ground during the clean-up. If digging is part of your wildfire recovery, whether replacing fence posts, repairing piping or cable, demolishing burned outbuildings, burying livestock - or any other task that requires you to dig - always call **811** to request the location of underground utilities and pipelines.

When you call **811**, a representative will take the location and description of your project and notify affected facility operators. The utility & pipeline companies will send a professional locator to mark the approximate location of their underground facilities. Once lines have been marked and you have waited 48 hours\*, you can begin to carefully dig, taking care to avoid damage to the marked lines.

Safety is a shared responsibility. Calling **811** helps protect you, your family, and your neighbors, and keeps your community safe and connected.

For additional information regarding safe digging practices, visit <a href="https://www.texas811.org">www.texas811.org</a>

<sup>\*</sup>excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays; 48 hours is the length of time within which underground utilities must be marked or flagged after an 811 request is logged.