

Don't Let Unsafe Digging Cancel Tonight's Game!

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Our favorite teams are learning their game plans and practicing their plays, meanwhile fans are gearing up for another great football season. Previous seasons, and this one, too, remind us the best offense is a great defense. Don't let unsafe digging cancel tonight's game! Make the free call to 811 at least two business days before you dig to have underground utility lines marked. Digging activities include putting in a mailbox or fence, tilling your garden, landscaping or even driving stakes to secure your tent for tailgating.

Cutting a utility line—water, power, and telecommunications (cable/phone/internet)—can be frustrating on game day, but it can also be dangerous. Safe digging is no accident. Calling 811 can prevent service outages, injuries and even death. In Georgia, it's also the law to call before you dig (Georgia Facilities Protection Act).

Other tailgate safety considerations should include your

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Also, do you know what to do if you smell gas? Highly flammable and capable of posing a huge fire risk from a single spark, gas contains an added odorant (the rotten egg smell). If you think you smell gas, act fast! Clear the area and then dial 911 immediately.

Digging makes headlines when safety is ignored, just as linemen in football draw attention when a play goes wrong. To help promote safe digging and promote the success of the linemen, Georgia 811 has partnered with ISP Sports to create “Lineman of the Week” online voting at Georgia Tech, Georgia Southern and the University of Georgia. After each game this season, visit the football website of the school of your

choice to cast your vote. Votes for the Tech and Georgia players are also your entry into a drawing for a pair of Georgia-Georgia Tech game day tickets. Your vote at Georgia Southern enters you into a drawing for tickets to a home game and a fan prize pack.

Safe digging is a shared responsibility. Don't make risky assumptions about the location of underground utility lines. Call 811 before you dig—for every project, every time! To learn more about Georgia 811, visit www.Georgia811.com. Find them on Facebook and Twitter by searching for GA811.

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cancel tonight's game.

Make a FREE call to 811
at least 2 business days before you dig.



One free, easy call gets your utility lines marked
AND helps protect you from injury and expense.

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