



Common Ground Iowa

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April is National Safe Digging Month!

*Read about CGI's damage prevention efforts across the state
Attend the next Member Meeting
Become a member today - it's FREE*

*And ALWAYS Call Before You Dig!
Call Iowa One Call at 811 or 1-800-292-8989
www.iowaonecall.com*



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



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CGI Promotes April as National Safe Digging Month

On April 7, 2011 the CGI executive team will join the Iowa One Call board members to meet with Governor Terry Branstad. The Governor will then sign the April Safe Digging Proclamation for 2011, encouraging all ground disturbers to Call Before You Dig . **Safe digging is no accident.** Watch our website for photos of the event.

Call Before You Dig – It’s the Law

Iowa Code Chapter #480 states that you must call 2 business days prior to any digging project in order to minimize the risk of damaging underground facilities. For more information on One Call and utility locating check out the website: www.iowaonecall.com. Click on "About Iowa One Call" for laws & enforcement details.

Common Ground Alliance

CGA is a national organization focusing on Damage Prevention through "Best Practice" methods: www.commongroundalliance.com

CGI Supports Advanced Locator Training

In order to help professional locators do their jobs appropriately, CGI is supporting Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities' (IAMU) Advanced Locator Training taking place on April 19-20, 2011. For more information and to register go to the IAMU website (space is limited): www.iamu.org

In the Press

In order to promote Safe Digging Month and damage prevention across the state of Iowa, CGI will send press releases & invitations to the media when we have an event. Check out our website for the documents or contact us for an interview.

IUB, CGI, IOC Celebrate Spring with Governor Branstad

Remember to Call 8-1-1 Before Digging or Planting

Wednesday, April 13 will be a great way to celebrate the coming of spring! CGI members will be outside in the south lawn of the IUB with a baby tree to plant. Of course we will make our One Call before April 11th – at least 48 hours before starting the project. The tree planting is also in honor of the upcoming Arbor Day (April 29). Supporters of safe digging are free to join us.

Educating Iowa Children

CGI is preparing to send the CGA "Pirate Video" to the Area Education Agencies across the state for distribution to Iowa schools. The video makes educating our children about safety is fun – and a good way to educate parents and future diggers. Watch the video online: www.call811kids.com



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