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## Reminder: Call 811 Before You Dig!

**Brainerd, MN** – As the ground thaws and people are planning outdoor projects, CTC wants to remind everyone to dial 811 before digging in yards, ditches, by the lake, or anywhere in the ground.

“It’s especially important because of the current COVID-19 pandemic,” said Kristi Westbrook, CEO and General Manager at CTC. “If a fiber line gets cut or damaged it could interrupt service immediately, resulting in an entire community potentially being disconnected from work, school, or emergency services.”

Homeowners, lake property managers, and contractors alike should call 811 at least two business days before doing any kind of digging, even for simple gardening or landscaping projects. It’s a free service in which all underground lines - including electric, gas, fiber optic, and water lines - are marked. Doing so helps to keep everyone safe, services running, and utilities working.

Planning a weekend project? Be sure to contact them by Wednesday at 5pm. Locate requests can be submitted by calling Gopher State One Call at 811 or through their website at [gopherstateonecall.org](http://gopherstateonecall.org).

“As we gear up for spring construction season, we like to remind everyone to locate cables,” said Steve Gilbert, Engineering and Safety Manager at CTC, “with people desperately needing service these days we’d like to focus on new cable installations and not on repairing cable we already have in the ground.”

*CTC is a technology advisor and full-service telecommunications cooperative based in Brainerd, MN. Formed in 1952, CTC has grown into a complete communications provider offering telephone, high-speed internet, digital television, and IT services to businesses and individuals throughout central and northern Minnesota. More information about CTC can be found at [www.goctc.com](http://www.goctc.com).*

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