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Denison Municipal Utilities

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APRIL IS SAFE DIGGING MONTH

(811) Call Before you Dig

Many of us look forward to getting out in the yard this spring and summer, but we urge you to take caution before digging too deep. Accidentally cutting into utility lines is not only expensive, but can be deadly. Iowa law requires anyone who does digging or excavating to call Iowa One Call to see if there are any underground utility lines or cables. This applies to homeowners planting trees or fence posts and commercial contractors excavating for buildings.

It is important to call at least 48 hours before you are set to dig. If underground lines exist in that area, the utilities will mark the location of the lines within that 48 hour period.

Iowa One Call will request detailed information including the type of work planned, location of site, estimated time needed and a contact person with phone number.

Iowa One Call will fax the information to Denison area utilities and they will go to the site and flag or paint where their lines are located. Pictured here is a chart that shows the colors of the utilities.

Please call "Iowa One Call" before you dig and make it safe for you and everyone else. If you have any questions please call our office at 712-263-4154.

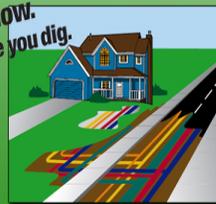
APWA UNIFORM COLOR CODE FOR MARKING UNDERGROUND FACILITIES

	PROPOSED EXCAVATION
	TEMPORARY SURVEY MARKS
	ELECTRIC POWER
	GAS, OIL, STEAM, PETROLEUM
	TELECOMMUNICATION
	POTABLE WATER
	RECLAIMED WATER, IRRIGATION
	SEWER AND DRAINS

Know what's below.
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DMU OFFERS SAFTY TIPS FOR SPRING STORMS

Spring storm season is beginning and DMU wants its customers to be prepared. In the Midwest, severe weather is most likely to occur April through July.

"We want you to know that our crews are prepared for storms, no matter what time of the year they strike and we want our customers to be prepared as well." said Rory Weis, General Manager. Our crews have many years of service and they do what it takes to get the lights back on as soon as they safely can.

The Denison Municipal Utilities is one of 136 municipal electric utilities in the State of Iowa. DMU participates in the Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities mutual aid program in which if any additional resources are needed to restore electric service, we are able to call upon them for assistance with service restoration.

Customers should take the following steps to prepare themselves, their families and their homes this spring storm season:

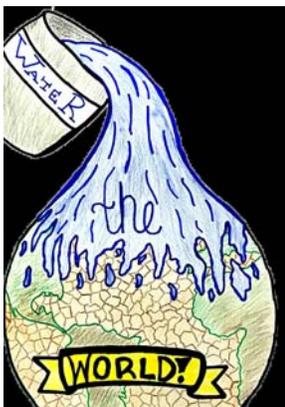
- Make a **disaster plan** and make sure everyone knows where to go in case of a tornado or other weather-related emergency.
- Assemble a **disaster kit** for your home and cars that contains a first aid kit, canned food, can opener, bottled water, battery-operated radio, flashlight, protective clothing, and written instructions on how to turn off the electricity, gas, and water.
- After a storm has moved out of your area, make sure everyone knows to **stay away from fallen power lines**. If lines are on the ground, they may be energized and deadly. Contact DMU immediately to report a downed power line.

For more information visit DMU website at www.dmuonline.com

National Drinking Water Week, May 6-12, 2018

PROTECT THE SOURCE

We depend on our drinking water supply daily— But where does that water come from? The Denison Municipal Utility encourages you to get to know your local water source, so together, we can protect and preserve it.



Protecting our water source now ensures we have a sustainable drinking water supply for the future.

Throughout the week, DMU, AWWA and water community partners will celebrate Drinking Water Week by recognizing the vital role water plays in our daily lives and in the quality of life we enjoy because of it. Focus will be placed on ways in which water consumers can get to know and value their water supply and local water utility during this special week.

Make sure you check our Facebook and Website the week of National Drinking Water Week to learn more about your water source and how we are protecting it.



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DMU TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH

May is National Electrical Safety Month and Denison Municipal Utilities (DMU) is joining with the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) to raise awareness and promote electrical safety in the home, school and workplace. On average, 325 people die and 4,400 are injured each year because of electrical hazards, according to data published by the National Safety Council. Electricity is also the cause of over 140,000 fires resulting in \$1.6 billion in property damage each year.

The leading cause of fatal electrical incidents while on the job is contact with power lines, both above and below ground. Eliminating electrical hazards begins with education and awareness. Listed are some electrical safety tips to help avoid tragic and costly injuries:

- Use appliances and equipment according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Replace damaged electrical equipment or have it repaired at an authorized repair center.
- Make sure power strips, cords and surge suppressors are designed to handle the loads for their intended use.
- Avoid overloading circuits by plugging in too many items into the same outlet.
- Use ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) protection when working where water is near electricity to protect against electric shock.
- Make certain that all products and equipment are Underwriters Laboratories (UL) approved.
- Avoid contact with power lines by being aware of the location of power lines and keeping a distance of at least 10 feet between you and power lines to avoid arcs.

Electrical safety awareness and education among consumers, families, employees and communities will prevent electrical fires, injuries and fatalities. A focus on electrical safety, both at home and in the workplace, can prevent the hundreds of deaths, thousands of injuries and billions of dollars in economic losses that occur each year because of electrical hazards. If you have any questions about electrical safety issues, please contact DMU at 263-4154.



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- LED lighting: \$2 - \$4
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