



## 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. 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, before digging 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.

Be sure that the flags are not tampered with once the lines are marked. If the flags are moved someone could dig in the wrong location and cut into our lines.

### APWA UNIFORM COLOR CODE FOR MARKING UNDERGROUND UTILITY LINES

	PROPOSED EXCAVATION
	TEMPORARY SURVEY MARKINGS
	ELECTRIC POWER LINES, CABLES CONDUIT AND LIGHTING CABLES
	GAS, OIL, STEAM, PETROLEUM OR GASEOUS MATERIALS
	COMMUNICATION, ALARM OR SIGNAL LINES, CABLES OR CONDUIT
	POTABLE WATER
	RECLAIMED WATER, IRRIGATION AND SLURRY LINES
	SEWERS AND DRAIN LINES

1-800-292-8989   
**Dig Safely.** 

Please call the "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.

### Making a Payment at DMU

We want to make your life easier by providing many different options for paying your utility bill.

Listed below are several different ways to make a payment:

- Office ( hours 8am-5pm Mon -Fri)
- Mailing your payment
- Drop it off at our local banks (Crawford County Bank, Bank Iowa, UBI)
- Automatic Withdrawal (Checking or Credit Card)
- DMU Website
- Paying over the Phone (credit card or debit card)
- Mobile App
- Payment Drop Box

### Water Rate Increase

On February 18, 2020 the DMU Board of Trustees approved a water rate increase of 6% implemented for all retail customers effective June 1, 2020. The increase does not impact all customers equally.

The rate adjustment was based on overall revenue and cash reserve needs of the water utility and the results of a cost of service analysis performed by Dave Berg Consulting.

A staffer with more information and examples will be in your next bill. If you have any questions please call our office at 712-263-4154.



For more than 40 years the American Water Works Association and its members have celebrated Drinking Water Week – a unique opportunity for both water professionals and the communities they serve to join together in recognizing the vital role water plays in our daily lives. The 2020 celebration will take place May 3-9.

Pictured from left to right are our Water Department employees: Dave Bilsten, Jack Webb, Adam Kragel, Luke Gillmor, Aaron Kolln, John Leinen, and Justin Bromert.

Make sure you check our Facebook page 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 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.

## EARTH DAY

The theme this year for Earth Day 2020 is climate action. The enormous challenge — but also the vast opportunities — of action on climate change have distinguished the issue as the most pressing topic for the 50th anniversary.

Climate change represents the biggest challenge to the future of humanity and the life-support systems that make our world habitable.

Earth Day was a unified response to an environment in crisis — oil spills, smog, rivers so polluted they literally caught fire.

On April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans — 10% of the U.S. population at the time — took to the streets, college campuses and hundreds of cities to protest environmental ignorance and demand a new way forward for our planet.

The first Earth Day is credited with launching the modern environmental movement, and is now recognized as the planet's largest civic event.

