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Safety is in your hands. Every dig. Every time.



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Successful Seminars in Southern Arizona

In late March and early April, Arizona 811's Damage Prevention & Safety Partnership brought a series of Seminars to several cities in Southern Arizona. This free training opportunity is aimed at promoting safety and reducing damage to underground utilities.

Over 500 people attended the seminars, which were held throughout the region. All contractors, excavation personnel, safety managers, trainers, forepersons, and supervisors working in the private or public sector in Arizona are welcome and encouraged to attend.



In addition to providing valuable information, the seminars also served as a platform for attendees to ask questions and interact with industry professionals.

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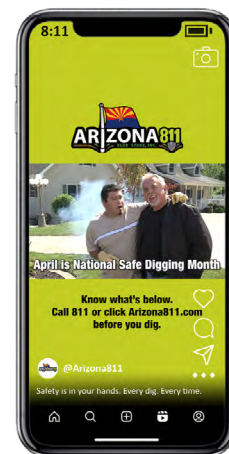
New Map Version: Making Excavation Safer

Accurate mapping at Arizona 811 enhances the safety of excavation projects and could help minimize damage to underground utilities by ensuring affected underground facility owners are identified accurately. In June 2023, Arizona's 811 ticket request system, Exactix, received a new map version which incorporates many newly built streets and developments as well as more statewide parcel data. By providing more detailed information about property boundaries, excavators are more easily able to specifically select the property where they will be working rather than the entire street segment, from intersection to intersection. This more precise selection process is expected to reduce the unintentional notification of underground utility owners/operators who are definitely outside the boundaries of the excavation site. This important step to improve Arizona 811's online ticket system will make an immediate impact on excavators' ticket quality and more precise placement of their dig sites.

Improvements to Exactix mapping become even more

important in the context of Arizona's significant infrastructure expansion accompanied by new housing developments. Underground utilities can be anywhere, and many know of subdivisions that used to be empty land. Accurate mapping reinforces the commitment to locate request efficiency, excavation safety, and the long-term goal of zero damages to underground utilities.

Thanks to the teamwork of Arizona 811's technology department, the process taken in June to transition to the new map version was designed to minimize system downtime and ensure excavators' ticket creation operations were uninterrupted.



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Successful Seminars in Southern Arizona

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Representatives from utility companies and the Arizona Corporation Commission were on hand to provide insight and expertise. Thank you to all presenters and attendees for your participation and engagements. A special thank you to Richard Welch, El Paso Natural Gas for your years of service, and enjoy your well-deserved retirement!

Arizona 811 is committed to educating the public and providing valuable resources

throughout the state. The Damage Prevention & Safety Partnership plans to provide a series of Seminars throughout the Northern region in August. Stay connected with our social media so you can reserve your seat, learn valuable information, and enjoy free breakfast and door prizes!

If your organization is interested in receiving a free Arizona 811 presentation, please reach out to Education.Awareness@Arizona811.com.



Summer Safety Tips

- Remember to wear sunscreen, protective clothing, and a hat to shield from the sun.
- Always have water. Stay hydrated and take breaks in the shade or air conditioning.
- When working outside, be aware of the signs of heat exhaustion and heat stroke, such as headache, dizziness, and nausea.
- Contact Arizona 811 before you dig!
- Use hand tools instead of machinery when working within 2-feet of a marked utility.
- If you accidentally damage a utility line, stop work immediately, report the damage to the utility owner/operator, and call 911 if it is an emergency.



Arizona 811 and NASCAR Team Up: 5 Years of Racing Sponsorship

For the 2023 Season, Arizona 811 partnered with 811 Centers across the country to sponsor the NASCAR Xfinity race called the Call811.com Before You Dig 250 at Martinsville Speedway on Saturday, April 15, 2023. Held during Safe Digging Month, the race brought together the excitement of NASCAR and the importance of safe digging practices.

Call811.com is also the sponsor of Josh Williams who drives the No. 92 Chevrolet Camaro. Sandra Holmes, Executive Director of Arizona 811, expressed her excitement about the partnership and the opportunity to spread the

important message of safe digging practices through NASCAR. “On behalf of 811 centers across the country, we couldn’t be more excited to team up with Josh Williams of DGM Racing for the 2023 NASCAR Xfinity Series season to bring the ‘Call811.com Before You Dig’ messaging to so many local communities. Having grown up as the son of a contractor who digs, Josh is a great partner to represent the importance of any contractor, homeowner, or farmer digging to use free local 811 services to request the approximate location of buried utilities to be marked before starting any digging project, large or small.”

This partnership is not new to Arizona 811, as we first entered the world of NASCAR in 2019 by partnering with Phoenix Raceway. Year over year Arizona 811 has expanded our impact. Now, 811 centers across the country join together to promote underground utility safety and damage prevention through this exciting partnership.



A Spotlight on Safe Digging: Recognizing Excellent Excavators

The Challenge Coin Recognition Program honors individuals who demonstrate exceptional dedication to safe digging practices and protecting underground utility lines. This coin is an important symbol of appreciation for those who go above and beyond in their efforts to prevent serious injuries and protect vital resources from damage.

If you know an excellent excavator, now is the perfect time to nominate them for the Arizona 811 Challenge Coin. By doing so, you can help shine a spotlight on their hard work and inspire others to follow their lead. Perhaps you know a contractor who consistently reminds their team to call 811 before digging, or a utility worker who takes always ensures that their responses are complete and locate marks are properly maintained. Think about individuals who take the time to educate others about the importance of knowing what’s below.

The significance of the challenge coin is clear. It represents commitment to Excavation Damage Prevention & Safety. It’s a meaningful gesture that identifies deserving individuals and encourages others to follow their lead. Did you know this elite group also becomes eligible for Arizona 811 prizes? Challenge coin recipients could win anything

from TVs and coolers to tickets for special events.

No matter who it is, if you believe that someone deserves recognition for their commitment to safe digging practices, don’t hesitate to nominate them. Simply email Education.Awareness@Arizona811.com for a nomination form. It only takes a few minutes to complete. Once your nomination is received, it will be reviewed by Arizona 811’s Education & Awareness Committee. If they are selected, they will receive a challenge coin and a certificate as a token of appreciation for their hard work and dedication.

A Challenge Coin is given to individuals that exceed the standard of Arizona 811 standard and practice C.A.R.E. Create 811 ticket. Await

all responses. Respect the marks. Excavate carefully & prudently. So, if you know someone who deserves recognition for their efforts to protect underground utilities and promote safe digging practices in the community, don’t wait—nominate them today!

