



OUR MISSION

The Authority seeks to protect underground facilities of owners in the State of Maryland from destruction, damage, or dislocation to prevent:

- *death or injury to individuals,*
- *property damage to private and public property; and*
- *the loss of services provided to the general public.*

To accomplish this, the Authority seeks to promote, enhance, and assist the State of Maryland in furthering and enforcing the Maryland Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Law and programs through efforts that include consistent enforcement, effective public education, and the constant knowledge that public safety through reduced damages is our prime concern.

New Title XII Law as of March 12, 2021

Title XII of the Maryland Public Utilities article is the governing document for protecting our state's vital underground facilities, as well as to ensure the safety of the public and all those who work in the underground utility industry. It is the law in Maryland and applies to anyone who intends to dig or disturb the earth or demolish any type of structure.

The newly revised Title XII statute went into effect on March 12th. If you experienced a damage, damaged a facility, or were cited for a violation of the Title XII law for an event prior to March 11, 2021 you are governed by the original Miss Utility law. For more information on how the law has changed, and how it will affect you, please refer to the Title XII Comparison Table available at www.mddpa.org - [Title XII Changes - Comparison Table](#)



WHAT'S NEW MARYLAND?

BIG CHANGES TO THE MISS UTILITY LAW!!

- All homeowners will have to call 811 for a locate if they plan to dig more than 6" deep in their gardens...
- Any contractor can now add one temporary subcontractor to an existing ticket...
- All underground facilities must be detectable or locatable in certain circumstances after October 2021...
- If you abuse the "Emergency Ticket" option, you could be fined up to \$4000...
- Stricter rules have been added to the "Contract Locator" response time requirements...
- A second offense of any part of the Miss Utility law within 3 years is now subject to double the fine...
- There is now a 3-year statute of limitations for violators who have met all their fine and training requirements...

**For more information go to:
mddpa.org or contact the
MD Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Authority
at 410-782-2102**