



# BETWEEN THE LINES NEWSLETTER

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## UPDATED LAW COMING NEXT MONTH

The updated law takes effect **next month** on the 22nd. Are you prepared? Do not wait until the last minute to get up to speed. Our **website is filled with helpful resources**, including video overviews, summary sheets, the full updated law, and more to help you navigate these changes with confidence.

[Visit Website](#)

## TRAINING REQUEST

Want a PA team member to speak directly to your company? Request training on the updated law, tailgate talks, or any topic you need covered. Our team will come to you and provide the guidance your crew needs to stay safe and compliant.

[Request Training](#)



## This Issue:

- LAW REMINDER
- DIG SEASON
- NSDM

## What's The Scoop?

Spring is making its way to the Carolinas, and we are more than ready to get outside and get moving. As we welcome the warmer weather, we are also gearing up for National Safe Digging Month and everything that comes with a busy digging season. Behind the scenes, our team has been hard at work preparing for the upcoming law update, expanding initiatives, and finding new ways to better serve you in 2026.

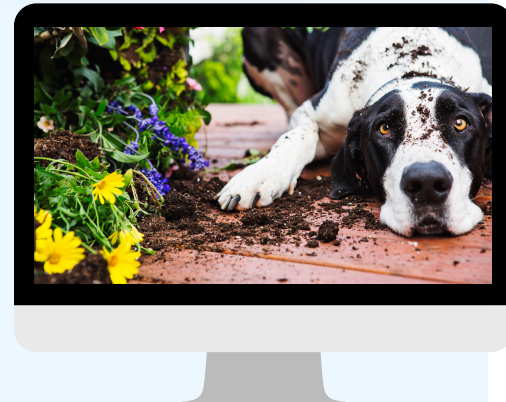
As we continue to grow, we are also excited about the opportunities to connect with you throughout the year. Our updated [sponsorship program](#) offers new ways to get involved, increase visibility, and support damage prevention efforts across the state. Whether you have partnered with us before or are looking to get involved for the first time, there is a place for you.

Looking to stay in the loop? Make sure you are signed up for [SafeNex](#) to receive the latest updates on events, resources, and important changes, including the upcoming law update. It is the easiest way to stay informed, connected, and ahead of what is next.

## This Month's Must-Know

### DIG SEASON IS HERE!

Spring marks the start of dig season, our busiest time of year. With more outdoor projects happening, call volumes increase, which can mean longer hold times. To save time and reduce stress, consider submitting your requests online through [Exactix](#). It's quick, easy, and helps get your projects moving safely without the wait.



# National Safe Digging Month - April

April is National Safe Digging Month, a reminder that every digging project starts with contacting 811. Each year, thousands of underground utilities are damaged simply because 811 was not contacted first.

Help spread the message with our free [National Safe Digging Month banners](#), available to order now and perfect for job sites, offices, and community spaces.

We are also celebrating with a giveaway. Two winners will receive a raised garden bed. Click here to enter and get your spring projects started the safe way.

*No purchase necessary. Open to legal residents of South Carolina, 18 years or older.*

**GIVEAWAY!**



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## Large Project Webinar

Missed it? Our Large Projects Webinar recording is now available. Take a first look at what is coming with large project requirements and how it may impact your work.

**[Watch Here!](#)**



## Joint SC/NC UCC

**Conference** - May 12th-15th

**Safety Summit** - July 22<sup>nd</sup>

**UCC Meetings** in your area every month!

[VIEW ALL 2026 EVENTS](#)

## Spring Safety Tip

Spring weather can **wash away or fade utility marks** faster than you might expect. If your project gets delayed or the markings become hard to see, take the time to request a remark before continuing work.

## Annual Notification Change - Quarter 1

January, February, and March

2025 Total Notifications

**385,156**

2026 Total Notifications

**363,125**

Year-over-Year Change Quarter 1 (2025 to 2026): Down -1.41%

## 2026 Quarter 1 Stats

Call Volume

**56,778**

Top Types of Work

Electric  
Fiber  
Water

On Time Response

**55.83%**

Avg. Monthly Damages

**311**

## 2026 Holiday Calendar

January 1st	New Year's Day
January 19th	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 16th	Presidents Day
May 11th	Confederate Memorial Day
May 25th	Memorial Day
July 3rd	Independence Day

September 7th
November 11th
November 26th
November 27th
December 24th
December 25th
<b>December 28th</b>

Labor Day
Veteran's Day
Thanksgiving Day
Day after Thanksgiving
Christmas Eve
Christmas Day
<b>Day after Christmas</b>

These are legal holidays. SC811 will be open and the 3 full working day notice will be calculated from the next business day.

