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All,

I wanted to pass along this information to you if you were not already aware.

Utility damage from digging accidents can be dangerous and costly, disrupting the utility services we rely on to work and live. This is why both property owners and professional contractors are required by law to notify Dig Safe before conducting any earthwork on public or private property.

Dig Safe is a notification center that dispatches participating utility companies to mark out the location of their underground facilities in the area where you plan to dig. Dig Safe is a free service, that assists both professionals and DIYers in preventing digging accidents.

State law requires you to wait the full advance notice requirement of 72 hours in MA, ME, NH, and RI; and 48 hours in Vermont - not including weekends or holidays. Just so you know – the member companies are required to respond within this time frame to locate their underground facilities in the area you intend to dig.

Effective November 1st, 2024, the advanced notice requirement in Vermont will expand from 48hrs to 72hrs.

What this means for municipal roadcrews:

Plan ahead! More required notice time means that we can't start on an excavation project as quickly as you may have in the past.

If you are interested in more information on DigSafe: [How It Works | Dig Safe System, Inc. - MA ME NH RI VT - Call 811 | Dig Safe Systems, Inc.](#)

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“Hope has two beautiful daughters; their names are Anger and Courage. Anger at the way things are, and Courage to see that they do not remain as they are.” ~Augustine

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