

BUSINESS POWERUP



Safety Essential in All Operations

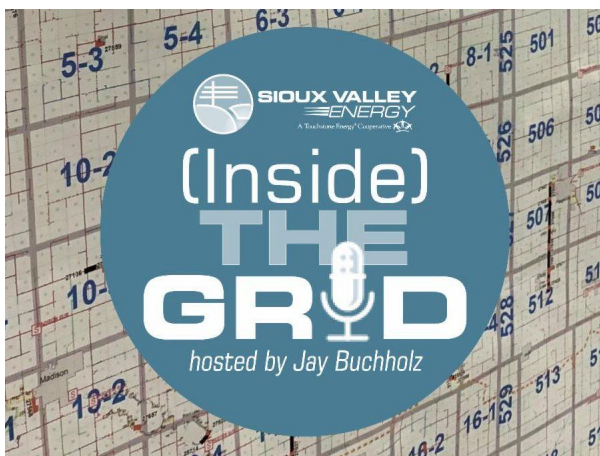
Sioux Valley Energy is committed to safety and wants you and your operation to employ safe practices as well, especially when working around electric power lines.

In the latest episode of our [Inside the Grid](#) podcast, we talk with members of our Safety Steering Committee about safety concerns and steps that can be taken to ensure everyone goes home at night.

If you have suggestions for future issues or wish to discuss your operation's current and future energy needs, please contact me at jay.buchholz@siouxvalleyenergy.com or call my cell phone at 605-940-2053.

You can find previous issues of *Business PowerUP* [here](#).

Inside The Grid Podcast



In this month's episode of [Inside The Grid](#) podcast, members of Sioux Valley Energy's Safety Steering Committee talk about the importance of safety throughout Sioux Valley Energy's operations as well as tips for keeping you and your employees safe around electricity.

ITG: Safety Discussion



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Before Digging

Call 811 or Click <https://call811.com/>

811 is the national call-before-you-dig phone number. Anyone who plans to dig should call 811 or click <https://call811.com/> before digging to request that the approximate location of buried utilities be marked with paint or flags so that you don't unintentionally dig into an underground utility line. This call needs to be made two to three business days in advance of the planned digging.

Dig notification processing is very easy if the caller is knowledgeable of the planned excavation activity and prepared to answer all questions. A clear and complete knowledge of the excavation activity and the specific worksite is required to process a dig notification.

PREPARATION IS THE KEY. The best way to prepare to make the 811 call or the request on-line is to review the ticket format as shown to the right. Also, prior to calling, the proposed dig site must be marked with white paint, stakes or flags. This will assist the locators in knowing the area of the work and where to mark the lines.

At the close of the call, a ticket number will be provided to you. This number is very important.









Dial 811

Name of person doing the excavation _____
Phone Number _____ Extension _____
Caller Name _____
Homeowner Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Alternate Contact _____ Phone _____
Best Time to Contact _____
Work to Begin Date _____ Time _____
Duration of work via hours/days _____
County _____
City/Town _____
Excavation Address _____
Nearest Cross Street _____
Type of Work _____
Depth of Excavation _____
Tunneling or Boring (Y/N) _____
Excavating in Right of Way (Y/N) _____
Explosives (Y/N) _____
Work being done for _____
Description of the Excavation Site (Marking Instructions)
Examples:
A. Excavation in rear of lot, mark from house to back lot line
B. Mark 15' either side of white flagged route

Remarks (include driving instructions on rural tickets w/o street address) _____

Rural Tickets might require this information if a specific rural address is not provided by the caller:
Latitude/Longitude Coordinates _____
or
Township ____ Range ____ Section/Quarter ____

Uniform Color Code

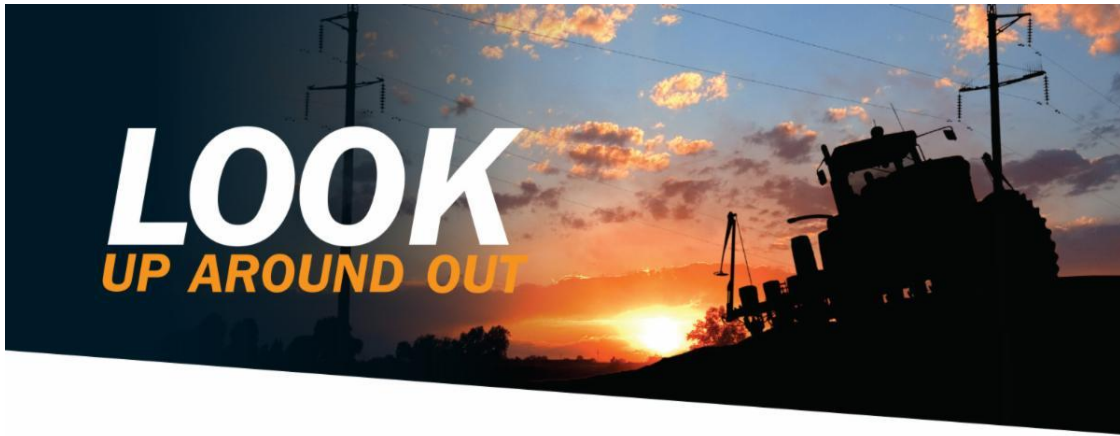
	White - Proposed Excavation
	Pink - Temporary Survey Markings
	Red - Electric Power Lines, Cables, Conduit and Lighting Cables
	Yellow - Gas, Oil, Steam, Petroleum or Gaseous Materials
	Orange - Communication, Cable TV, Alarm or Signal Lines, Cable or Conduit
	Blue - Water, Irrigation or Slurry Lines
	Purple - Reclaimed Water, Irrigation or Slurry Lines
	Green - Sewers and Drain Lines

In Case of Emergency

In the event that you smell natural gas while digging, or when entering a building, immediately leave the building. DO NOT turn lights on or off. Call 911 first, then call the utility company or the 811 Center.

If you do not have power, see a downed power line, or any other situation that could cause imminent danger, call 911 or the utility company.

Marking of Underground facilities may not be exact. To expose the facility, **CAREFULLY HAND DIG 18 inches (24 inches in Minnesota)** either side of the markings.



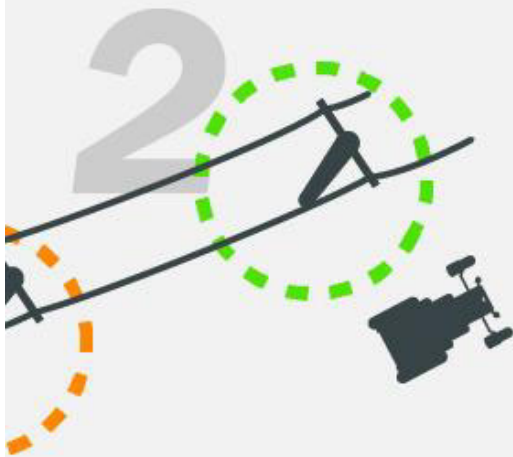
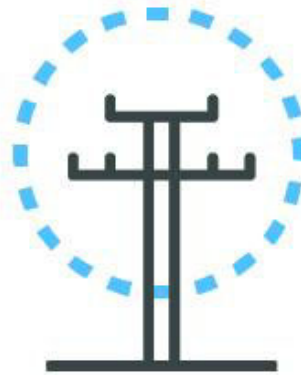
Farm equipment and power lines can be a lethal combination. Look for overhead power lines and plan safe routes for moving your equipment. Keep equipment, antennas and people away from power lines and power poles. And never touch a downed line. Contact your local electric cooperative if you have questions.

RE-ENERGIZING FARM SAFETY



LOOK UP AROUND OUT

1 **BEFORE**
using or moving equipment,
LOCATE
overhead power lines.



*equipment, antennas
and people should*

**KEEP
AWAY**

*from power lines
and power poles.*

3 **BE ESPECIALLY
CAREFUL**
*with dump trucks,
loaders and grain bins.*



NEVER



*touch anything in contact
with a power line*

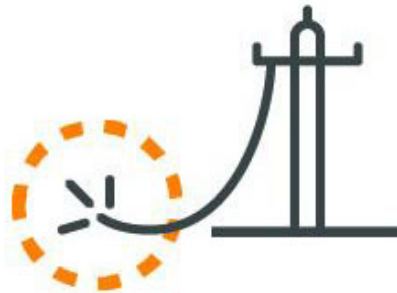


*use ladders
around power lines*



*spray with irrigation
systems near power lines*

7 **NEVER**
touch a downed power line



Review
**SAFETY
MEASURES**
with all farm workers



Call 8-1-1 before any digging projects.

Visit our Website

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