*Safety Matters*

**April is National Safe Digging Month: Call 811**

As spring temperatures arrive, many people begin home improvement and construction work. These projects often require digging and excavation.

You must contact Kentucky 811 two full business days prior to all digging projects, such as installing mailboxes, fences or landscaping. Utility lines sometimes are buried only a few inches underground, which means that even small digging projects can cause major problems.

Once in contact with 811, give them your contact information, explain where you’re planning to dig and what type of work you’ll be doing.

Local utility companies will be notified and dispatched to place markers, showing the location of any underground lines beneath your construction project site.

Knowing where these lines run prevents un-intentioned damage to underground utilities. Such accidents can result in property damage, the interruption of utility services, personal injuries and even loss of life.

Two full business days after submitting the 811 request, all affected utilities should have responded. If you are unsure whether to proceed with digging, call 811.Try not to dig closer than two feet from any flags to make sure **you do not strike a line that could have shifted.**

Whether you hire a professional or do it yourself, call before you dig! **(Co-op)** cares about you!