



NC811/CGA Safety Community Service Award

NC811 & Common Ground Alliance (CGA) would like to recognize young adults from organizations such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H, FFA, etc. for considering safe digging practices when they conduct a community service project.

A call must be placed to 811 before every digging project, from simple landscaping projects like planting trees or shrubs, to building a deck or installing a rural mailbox. Every eight minutes an underground utility line is damaged because someone decided to dig without first calling 811. Don't become part of the statistic – make sure to call 811!

Here's how it works:

- One free, simple phone call to 811 makes it easy for NC811 to notify all appropriate utility companies of your intent to dig.
- Call at least 3 full business days prior to digging to ensure enough time for utility lines to be properly marked.
- When you call 811, a representative from NC811 will ask for the location and description of your digging project.
- NC811 will notify affected utility companies, who will then send a professional locator to the proposed dig site to mark the approximate location of your lines.
- Once lines have been properly marked, roll up those sleeves and carefully dig around the marked areas. Remember to dig around marks, not on them, and also remember that time, erosion or root structure growth can shift the locations of utility lines.

Striking a utility line while digging can lead to injury, penalties, repair costs, and inconvenient outages, so consider this a friendly reminder to call 811 before you dig.

The NC811/CGA Safety Community Service Award can be earned by completing the attached form and submitting the completed application to your local CGA Member. *Ann Rushing with NC811 can be contacted at 336-944-5518 or annrushing@nc811.org.*

Once the form is received CGA will process the application. NC811, your local volunteer will contact you and make the necessary arrangements to present you with the award. For more information, go to www.call811.com or email kids@commongroundalliance.com.



NC811/CGA Safety Community Service Award Form

Please note all information is required for this application

State One Call Ticket Reference Number _____ State _____

Brief Description of Service Project

Service Organization Information

Contact Name: _____ Position: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Describe your affiliation with the organization (i.e. Leader, District Representative, Council Representative etc.):

Total Number of Service Awards Requested: _____

I _____ confirm that on _____ day of _____

20_____ that _____ has completed the requirements

(Name of Organization)

necessary to receive the CGA Safety Community Service Award. For additional information, go to www.call811.com.

CGA MEMBER USE ONLY

Company: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

(Signature)

_____ Date

Signed form should be scanned and sent to kids@commongroundalliance.com. Original form should be kept by CGA Liaison.

Indicate if material should be sent to CGA Member at the address indicated above.

CGA Safety Community Service Award Descriptions



Service Patch

A Service Patch will be presented to each participant who completes the requirements of the underground safety program: "Call Before You Dig".

Award Ribbon

An Award Ribbon will be presented to the organization for a project, involving excavation activity, that completed the requirements of the underground safety program: "Call Before You Dig".

Ground Marker

A Ground Marker will be placed at the location of the organization excavation project. The Ground Marker should be approved by the Property Owner and placed at the project location to recognize the organization commitment to underground safety.