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NEWS RELEASE

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Contact 811 Before You Dig

Banning, CA— Whether you're breaking ground on a new slab, planting a tree or installing a sprinkler system, the City of Banning encourages you to avoid personal injury and underground line damage by calling Dig Alert, Southern California's free and easy solution for safe excavation, prior to any digging project.

Electrical power lines, natural gas pipelines, communications lines, sewer lines and other utility services could be within a few feet of the surface. Both contractors and homeowners are required by state law to call "811" for an Underground Service Alert (USA) at least two days before proceeding with any work. USA will notify local utility companies, so they can identify whether underground facilities are located at the excavation site.

When utility companies come to mark your digging site, they'll use colored paint or stakes to mark utility lines within your digging area. Each type of utility has a unique color:

- Red - Electric
- Yellow - Gas, oil, steam
- Orange - Communication
- Blue - Potable water
- Purple - Reclaimed water
- Green - Sewer

Contacting 811 before you dig can not only prevent a damage claim; it can also save your life. USA is available to take your information online 24/7 or by phone from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. All utilities have two business days to mark underground lines. Learn more about USA markings by visiting www.DigAlert.org or by calling the Banning Public Works Department at (951) 922-3130.

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