



# Natural Gas Matters

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## Know What's Below – Call 811 Before You Dig

Spring has finally sprung! In this warmer weather, you might be eager to head outside to finish up some outdoor projects you've been putting off all winter. But if any of those projects involve digging, there's an important call you need to make before you dig: a call to **811**.

April is National Safe Digging Month and the perfect time to refresh your knowledge about safe digging practices. To prevent injury, damage and service outages, it's imperative that all underground utility lines be identified before any digging project begins.

One phone call to **811** from wherever you are will route your call to **Okie 811**, which will alert owners of pipelines, telecommunication cables and power lines to mark their buried assets within two full business days of the request. **There's no charge to you for this service.** You may also submit a locate request online by visiting [www.okie811.org](http://www.okie811.org).

Whether you're planting a tree, tilling soil, installing a deck or sprinkler system or setting fence posts, always remember to call **811** at least two full business days before you plan to dig to allow all utility line locations to be marked.

It's easy to do. So during National Safe Digging Month, and any time of year, be safe – call **811** before you dig. For more information about digging safety, visit the safety section of our website at [www.oklahomanaturalgas.com](http://www.oklahomanaturalgas.com).



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# UTILITY GRAFFITI

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Have you ever seen colorful lines spray-painted on the street or sidewalk and wondered what they were? It might not look very pretty, but this “utility graffiti” is actually there to help prevent damage to property and make construction activities safer.

Each color indicates a different type of buried asset, from natural gas pipelines to electric utilities and telecommunication cables. When a construction project is planned for a specific area, line locators mark all buried assets so workers know not to dig near the markings. While it may look like just a mess of lines to you, “utility graffiti” is actually a very important safety precaution; and unlike other graffiti, these utility markings will fade after a few weeks.

“Utility graffiti” isn’t just for construction companies. You, too, can call 811 two days before starting any digging project – no matter how small – to have underground utilities marked free of charge.

## Get Your Rebates Here!



Did you know Oklahoma Natural Gas offers rebates for the purchase and installation of qualifying natural gas appliances? If you’re looking to replace your old appliances, be sure to apply for a rebate through our Energy-Efficiency Program. With rebates available for energy-efficient natural gas furnaces, water heaters, clothes dryers and ranges, you can start saving money right away. And with the high efficiency of natural gas, you’ll see savings for years to come on your energy bills.

The Energy-Efficiency Program offers the following rebates:

**Natural Gas Heating System – up to \$2,500**

**Natural Gas Water Heater – up to \$850**

**Natural Gas Clothes Dryer – up to \$550**

**Natural Gas Range – up to \$200**

Visit [www.oklahomanaturalgas.com/rebates](http://www.oklahomanaturalgas.com/rebates) to learn more.

## Scrumptious Carrot Cake

### Ingredients:

4 eggs  
 ¾ cup vegetable oil  
 1 ½ cups white sugar  
 3 teaspoons vanilla extract, separated  
 2 cups whole wheat pastry flour  
 2 teaspoons baking soda  
 2 teaspoons baking powder  
 ½ teaspoon salt  
 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon  
 3 cups grated carrots  
 2 cups chopped pecans, separated  
 ¼ cup butter, softened  
 1 8-ounce package Neufchatel cheese  
 or cream cheese, softened  
 2 cups confectioner’s sugar

### Directions:

1. Preheat natural gas oven to 350 degrees F. Grease and flour a 9x13-inch pan.
2. Beat together eggs, oil, white sugar and 2 teaspoons vanilla extract in a large bowl. Mix in flour, baking soda, baking powder, salt and cinnamon. Stir in carrots, then fold in pecans. Pour into prepared pan.
3. Bake in preheated oven 40 to 50 minutes, until a toothpick inserted into center of cake comes out clean. Let cool in pan for 10 minutes, then turn out onto a wire rack and cool completely.
4. To make frosting: Combine butter, cheese, confectioner’s sugar, and 1 teaspoon vanilla extract. Beat until mixture is smooth and creamy. Stir in chopped pecans. Spread frosting over completely cooled cake.

*Recipe adapted from [www.allrecipes.com](http://www.allrecipes.com).*

