

811: Three Numbers That Could Save Your Life





It only takes a few seconds to damage a buried pipeline, but the consequences could last a lifetime. Digging before having underground utilities marked puts you in serious danger of injury or even death. But there's an easy way to prevent that – just dial **811**! It's a free call that can keep you and your neighbors safe.

April is National Safe Digging Month and the perfect time to refresh your knowledge about safe digging practices. There is a vast network of pipelines, telecommunication cables and electrical wires buried underground that need to be identified before beginning any digging project to prevent injury, damage and service outages.

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 ticket online by visiting www.okie 811.org or by downloading the **Okie 811** mobile app.

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.



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Beware of Scammers Looking for Personal Information

Oklahoma Natural Gas is committed to keeping you safe – and that includes keeping your identity safe as well. Be aware that individuals may call, email or come to your door and falsely claim to work for Oklahoma Natural Gas or other local utilities and services in an attempt to steal your private information. By learning how to recognize these imposters, you can help prevent fraud from happening to you.

Remember, if your Oklahoma Natural Gas account is current, no one from our company will call you and ask for personal financial information.* You may always access your account information by registering online at www.oklahomanaturalgas.com, by using the Oklahoma Natural Gas mobile app, or by calling us at 1-800-664-5463.

If you receive a suspicious call, hang up and call Oklahoma Natural Gas to verify that the call was authentic. You may also report the incident to your local law enforcement agency.

Oklahoma Natural Gas employees will enter your home only if you have contacted us for service, if we are responding to an emergency or if we are re-establishing service after it has been interrupted. Our employees always carry company IDs, which they will be happy to show you. If you have any concern about the legitimacy of someone claiming to work on behalf of Oklahoma Natural Gas, please call us at 1-800-664-5463.

*Note: Oklahoma Natural Gas representatives may attempt to collect payment on past due accounts through courtesy calls.

Help Us Find You in an Emergency



In an emergency, first responders and Oklahoma Natural Gas technicians depend on clearly marked addresses to find the right home as quickly as possible. Finding a residence can be challenging if house numbers are unreadable, hidden, unlit or missing. You can help emergency responders and service technicians locate your home by following these steps:

- Replace aging or faded numbers.
- Clear all obstructions (hanging plants, bushes, flags, etc.) from blocking your house numbers.
- Post large numbers to allow visibility from the street.
- Place your numbers near the street or on the curb, with a reflective coating and contrasting background.
- Allow numbers to be seen from all directions (if your home is on a corner, have numbers posted on all sides).

Make Ahead Breakfast Casserole

Ingredients:

- 12 ounces reduced-fat bulk pork sausage
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 small green or red bell pepper
- 2 eggs
- 4 egg whites
- 2 cups fat-free milk
- 1-1/2 teaspoons ground mustard
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 8 slices firm white bread, cubed
- 2 cups (8 ounces) shredded reduced-fat cheddar cheese

Directions:

1. In a nonstick skillet, cook sausage, onion and pepper over

a medium natural gas flame until sausage is no longer pink; drain and cool. 2. In a large bowl, beat eggs, egg whites, milk, mustard, salt and pepper. Stir in

bread cubes, cheese and sausage mixture. Pour into a 13 x 9-inch baking dish coated with cooking spray. Cover and refrigerate overnight.

3. Remove from refrigerator 30 minutes before baking. Bake, uncovered, at 350° F for 35-40 minutes or until a knife inserted near the center comes out clean. Let stand for 5 minutes before cutting.

Yield: 12 servings.

Recipe adapted from www.tasteofhome.com.