

**CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE GUIDE  
BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS**

**EXISTING COMMERCIAL AND MULTI-FAMILY**

Section (403.42.)

An owner or authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy or use of a commercial building, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical, or plumbing system regulated by the Uniform Construction Code, shall apply to the building code official and obtain the required permits.

A permit applicant shall submit an application to the building code official, and attach construction documents, including sealed plans and specifications if changes are needed to the building to comply with the code for the new occupancy.

A licensed architect or licensed professional engineer shall prepare the construction documents under the architect's licensure law.

This may be submitted in letter form from the architect or engineer if the building complies with the code for the change of use or occupancy. Also submit a copy of the certificate of occupancy issued by the Department of Labor and Industry for the existing building if it is available.

Plans may be submitted electronically (**Preferred Method**):

By going to our website, [www.mdia.us](http://www.mdia.us), and click on Offices, click on Plan Review and then Submit Plans.

Attached is a check list of required code information needed for review of plans.

**BEFORE DIGGING CALL 811 – SEE ATTACHED BROCHURE**

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**TEMPORARY MARKING GUIDELINES**

WHITE	Proposed Excavation
PINK	Temporary Survey Markings
RED	Electric Power Lines, Cables, Conduit and Lighting Cables
YELLOW	Gas, Oil, Steam, Petroleum or Gaseous Materials, Hazardous Materials
ORANGE	Communication, Alarm or Signal Lines, Cable or Conduit and Traffic Loops
BLUE	Potable Water
PURPLE	Reclaimed Water, Irrigation and Slurry Lines
GREEN	Sewers and Drain Lines

The following information is needed when you call PA One Call System.

**YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER**

**YOUR MAILING ADDRESS**

**COUNTY** - The name of the county where the work will take place

**MUNICIPALITY** - City, Township or Borough where the work will take place

**THE ADDRESS WHERE THE WORK WILL TAKE PLACE**

**THE NEAREST INTERSECTING STREET TO THE WORK SITE**

**THE NAME OF A SECOND INTERSECTION NEAR THE WORK SITE**

**IS THE PROPOSED EXCAVATION AREA (WORK SITE) MARKED IN WHITE** - Yes or No

**LOOK FOR FIND THE SITE** - Clarifying information to specify the exact location of the dig

**THE TYPE OF WORK BEING DONE**

**WHETHER THE WORK WILL TAKE PLACE IN:** Street, Sidewalk, Public or Private Property

**THE APPROXIMATE DEPTH YOU ARE DIGGING**

**THE EXTENT OF THE EXCAVATION** - The approximate size of the opening; the length and width or diameter

**THE METHOD OF EXCAVATION** - How will the earth be moved

**WHO IS THE WORK BEING DONE FOR**

**PERSON TO CONTACT IF THE UTILITIES HAVE QUESTIONS**

**THE CONTACT PERSON'S PHONE NUMBER** - The phone number with area code for daytime contact

**THE BEST TIME TO CALL**

**FAX NUMBER AND/OR EMAIL ADDRESS** - The responses from the facility owners will be sent to you

**SCHEDULED EXCAVATION DATE AND START TIME** - not less than 3 business days or more than 10 business days.

**DURATION OF A JOB** - How long will the job take

**ANY ADDITIONAL REMARKS YOU MAY HAVE**

You will be given a 10 digit serial number as confirmation of your call and system will send you the responses from the utilities on the morning of your scheduled excavation date via fax or email

## What do we do?

We are the "Call before you dig!" company for all of Pennsylvania. If you plan to disturb the earth with powered equipment, you are required by Pennsylvania law to notify the underground utility companies of your intent to do so. Notification occurs by calling 8-1-1 or 1-800-242-1776, 24 hours of the day, every day of the year. Notification can also be done on our website at [www.paonecall.org](http://www.paonecall.org).

We will then notify the utility companies nearby of your intent to dig. The utility companies are responsible to mark where their underground lines are located with colored flags, paint or chalk.

### Please Note:

- PA One Call does not mark utility lines.
- In some cases, the utility company may not mark the service lines you own.
- If you need your sewer drain cleared, be sure to check [www.paonecall.org/crossbore](http://www.paonecall.org/crossbore) for Call Before You Clear information or call 811 for more information.

## Why should you call?

Safe digging is no accident! If you are installing a fence or deck, or digging for a mailbox post, patio or other excavation project, it is important to know what's below. Dial 8-1-1 or 1-800-242-1776 before you dig. The utility companies do not want an accident, either. The best way to learn where underground utility lines are located is to call before you dig.

For more information, visit [www.pa811.org](http://www.pa811.org)



## Homeowner Quick Tips

- One easy phone call to 8-1-1 three to ten business days before digging begins helps keep your neighborhood safe.
- Call on Monday or Tuesday if you plan to dig on Saturday or Sunday.
- The utility companies will mark where their underground lines are located with colored paint, flags or chalk.
- Do not remove the flags if you see them in your yard.
- Our service is no cost to homeowners.
- Did you hire someone to install your fence, deck or new patio? Ask to see the **PA One Call** serial number before allowing them to dig on your property.

## The Excavator's Responsibility

- Dial 8-1-1 or 1-800-242-1776.
- Do not allow anyone to excavate on your property without calling.
- Always look for the markings on the ground before your dig date.
- If you do not see markings, do not allow anyone to dig. Wait for the lines to be marked by the utility.
- Whoever places the call will receive an email or fax with a list of facility owners who have marked or have not marked. Pay attention to this message.
- Respect the markings by not removing flags or disturbing the actual markings.
- Exercise care around the marked lines by hand digging.
- When the project is complete, the excavator should remove the flags or marks from the ground or pavement.
- Report mishaps by dialing 8-1-1. Report emergencies by dialing 9-1-1.

## CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

- Site plan showing to scale the size and location of all new construction and all existing structures on the site. Distances from lot lines, established street grades and proposed finished grades. All parking including accessible spaces with signage. Accessible paths to entrances.
  
- COMPLETED BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION
- ARCHITECTURAL
- STRUCTURAL
- ELECTRICAL
- MECHANICAL
- PLUMBING
- ACCESSIBILITY (Details and elevations of restrooms, checkout counters, etc. and routes with elevations for all accessibility)
- ENERGY CALCULATIONS WITH HVAC & LIGHTING (COM CHECK OR IECC)
- ALL SIGNAGE (TACTILE EXIT, RESTROOM, ETC.)
- USE GROUP(S) (EACH AREA OR ROOM) (IBC. Chapter 3)
- BUILDING LIMITATION (HEIGHT & AREA) (IBC. Chapter 5)
- TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION (IBC. Chapter 6)
- FIRE RESISTANT MATERIALS & CONSTRUCTION (IBC. Chapter 7)
- FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM(S) (IF REQUIRED) (IBC. Chapter 9)
- OCCUPANT LOAD (EACH AREA OR ROOM) (IBC. Section 1004)
- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH APPROVAL FOR HEALTH CARE FACILITIES PRIOR TO SUBMISSION.
- SPECIAL INSPECTIONS AS PER IBC SECTION 1704 & 1710