

Before you dig – Call 811

Did you know there could be up to five separate underground utilities running through your property? To help keep you safe, and the power, cable, phone lines, gas lines, and pipelines of the community operating, it is mandatory to call 811 before you dig!

Pennsylvania One Call has joined all other states across the country in implementing the new 811 phone number. It is the only number you need to remember to call be-

fore digging into the ground with any type of power equipment, including posthole diggers and rototillers.

One caveat, if calling from out of state (i.e. at work in Delaware or Maryland) a call to 811 will take you to the state that you are calling from. The operator will be able to transfer the call to the appropriate state.

More information can be found online at www.pa1call.org.



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

Building and Zoning Permit Requirements

The Uniform Construction Code took effect in Pennsylvania on April 9, 2004. This Code mandates that both residential and non-residential construction projects be inspected by certified inspectors to ascertain code compliance. Franklin Township has opted to enlist the services of LTL Consultants to perform all plan reviews and inspection services.

Building permits are required for any type of construction other than ordinary repairs. Repairs are defined as the reconstruction or renewal of any part of an existing building for the purpose of its maintenance. Such things as replacing shingles, siding, doors, or windows does not require a permit.

Examples of projects that do require permits include:

- Garages, sheds, horse barns, and storage buildings
- Both in-ground and above-ground swimming pools (including inflatable pools)
- Decks, patios, porches, and porch roofs
- Additions, new homes, renovations and remodeling that result in structural changes to a building

The following are answers to more common building-related questions:

- You do not need sealed drawings for

residential projects

- Agricultural buildings (structures used to store hay, feed, grain, or other agricultural or horticultural products or to house poultry, livestock, or other farm animals, and milk houses) are exempt from building permit requirements
- Stair requirements are 8 1/4" riser height maximum and 9" tread minimum
- The frost footing depth is 36" minimum
- Most new non-residential structures must be ADA compliant

Zoning Ordinances are land use regulations created as a means of protecting the health, safety and welfare of the general public. Zoning is a method of separating dissimilar land uses by establishing zones, which permit comparable uses to be located adjacent to one another. Any change in use of a property, new construction or demolition requires a Zoning Permit.

Applications for permits are available at the Township Municipal Building, 20 Municipal Lane, Kemblesville. Questions regarding building and zoning can be directed to Duane Brady, Township Building Inspector and Zoning Officer, at 610.255.5212. His office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:15 to 11:30 am.

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Township Meetings

All meetings are held in the meeting room at the Township Office.

Work Session-

2nd Wednesday of the month, 7pm

Board Meeting-

3rd Wednesday of the month, 7pm

Planning Commission-

1st Thursday of the month, 7pm

Historical Architectural Review Board and Historic Commission-

3rd Tuesday, odd months, 7pm

Open Space Committee-

2nd Monday of the month, 6:30pm

Want more info? The Township's website is being continuously updated!

www.franklintownship.us

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