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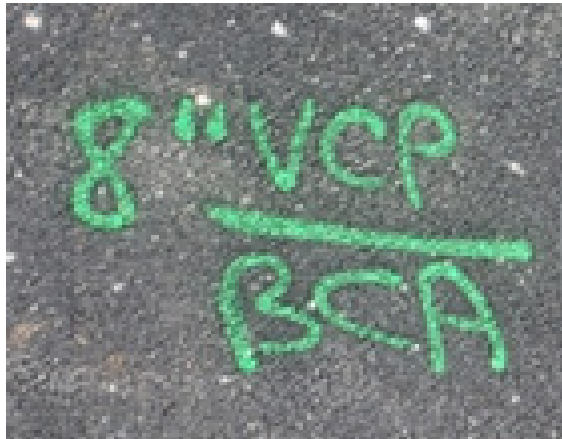
Why You Should Call Before Digging

When you see our operators spray painting these marks on the streets, do you know what they are doing? They are locating and marking our sanitary sewer pipes because someone plans on digging in that area. Locating and marking sewer pipes greatly reduces the risk of damage to underground utilities. Examples of such utilities that may run beneath your property are electric, gas, water, cable TV/Data and telephone. You may have seen signs or stickers on construction and municipal vehicles that read "Call Before You Dig" and "811." These are lawful requirements under PA Act 287, also known as the Underground Utility Line Protection Law.

PA One Call is just what it implies, you make one call to notify all local utility owners in your area. If you are planting a tree in your yard, you are required to call 811 and submit a web ticket request with the assistance of their telephone representatives. That one call generates email notices to every utility owner in your area, notifying them that you will be digging and that they are required to mark their utilities that are within the worksite described on the ticket.

Once a web ticket is dispatched, the utility owner has 3 business days to respond. In the event of an emergency call, they have only 2 hours to respond.

The markings on the street are very specific and are meant to communicate with the digger, where they need to use additional caution. In our case, sanitary sewer pipes must be marked with green paint or green flags when marking over softer surfaces. Each utility is assigned a color to tell the digger what exactly is below the ground.



The sample picture illustrates marking most often used in Conshohocken. The number indicates the diameter of the pipe below, which in Conshohocken, ranges from 6" to 30." The top letters indicate what material the pipe is made from. VCP stands for Vitrified Clay Pipe and is what most sewer mains in Conshohocken are made of. The bottom letters tell the digger who the utility belongs to. BCA is Borough of Conshohocken Authority.

Many considerations must be taken when marking PA one calls. Safety is an important concern since most of our markings are on streets. Some roads require additional operators to watch traffic for the marker. Another important aspect in marking utilities is accuracy. Accurate markings along with thorough documentation protects the utility owner from being responsible for damages to their facilities caused during the excavation.

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MEETINGS

July 28

August 25

September 22

October 27

November 24

December 22

**Meetings are held in
the Authority office:
601 East Elm St.
Conshohocken**

Meeting time 6:30 pm

COVID-19 Update

The Borough of Conshohocken Authority will continue to take every precaution with the COVID-19 pandemic. The Authority is committed to keeping our employees at minimal risk while still providing uninterrupted service to our customers. The Board has taken proactive measures to assist our customers by extending the sewer payment deadlines.

Quarter/ Bill Date	Original Early Pay Deadline	New Early Pay Deadline	Original Face Value Deadline	New Face Value Deadline
1st Quarter/ March 31, 2020	April 15, 2020	July 15, 2020	April 30, 2020	July 30, 2020
2nd Quarter/ June 30, 2020	July 15, 2020	October 15, 2020	July 31, 2020	October 31, 2020
3rd Quarter/ Sept. 30, 2020	October 15, 2020	January 15, 2021	October 31, 2020	January 31, 2021



Piper Brings Smiles During Quarantine

The new Operations Manager at the Borough of Conshohocken Authority also plays bagpipes. Edward Mongan is a proud piper for Irish Thunder Pipes & Drums. During these difficult times of seclusion due to the Coronavirus, many of the band members have volunteered to perform outside of various nursing homes for their residents who cannot have visitors and not even leave their rooms. Band members have been playing in a lot of drive by celebrations for birthdays and graduations. For the last 4 years, Eddie has participated in the Memorial Day ceremonies organized by the Conshohocken VFW Post #1074.



The Borough of Conshohocken Authority Board made donations to two local organizations, The Conshohocken Community Garden and the Conshohocken Elementary School PTO. Each organization received \$1,000.



KEEP CALM AND WASH YOUR HANDS

www.cdc.gov/handwashing



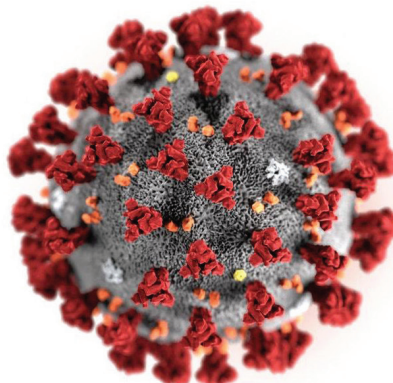
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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COVID-19 No Flush List

More time at home sometimes means more “bad” items disposed of down the toilet

Remember: Do Not Flush



- Baby wipes
- Pesticides
- Tampons
- Diapers
- Paint
- Metal or Plastic
- Fat, Grease, Oil
- Paper towels
- Pharmaceuticals
- Cat litter