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### **After Harvey, Safety Should Be Top Priority For Everyone**

As homeowners and business owners clean up after Hurricane Harvey, Louisiana One Call 811 has some important safety reminders to share:

- When placing storm debris around servitudes, rights-of-ways, home or business areas, do not place items in front of, around, or on top of known areas of buried and above ground utilities. Specifically, any above ground structures such as meters and pedestals that provide gas, power, communication or water capabilities.
- As storm debris collection begins, it is important for all utilities, both underground and overhead, to be identified in order to prevent personal injury.
- If digging is required for installation of temporary poles for electrical needs or if any other digging occurs, please remember to “Call 811 Before You Dig” to prevent serious injury when digging near underground utility lines.
- If you suspect damage of any kind to underground lines, please contact your local utility. If there is damage to a gas line or dangerous/hazardous lines, please call 911. A gas leak could be occurring if you smell the distinctive natural gas odor, hear a hissing or whistling sound near a gas line, or see dead vegetation or bubbles near a gas line. If this occurs, vacate the area immediately and call 911.
- Remember that underground utility line depth varies, and there may be multiple utility lines in one common area. The risk of striking an underground utility line exists even when digging only a few inches. So call 811 BEFORE YOU DIG!