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## MEDIA RELEASE

# Montgomery County and City of Centerville Recognize April as Safe Dig Month



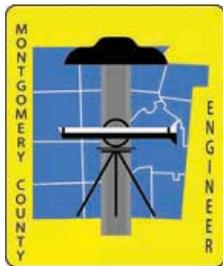
**Centerville, Ohio (April 8, 2016)** – The Montgomery County Board of County Commissioners has proclaimed April as Safe Dig Month, in cooperation with the City of Centerville, the Montgomery County Engineer’s Office and the Miami Valley Utility Safety Council. The proclamation encourages residents and businesses to call 811 and contact the Ohio Utilities Protection Service (O.U.P.S.) to get underground utilities marked before digging or excavating.



A utility line is damaged once every three minutes nationwide, and one-third of these incidents are caused by failure of the professional excavator or homeowner to call 811 before beginning their digging project, according to Roger Lipscomb, president of O.U.P.S.



“I cannot stress enough the importance of calling 811 before digging or excavating. This simple action can prevent personal injury, property damage, utility interruptions, and even death,” said Judy Dodge, president of the Montgomery County Board of County Commissioners. “We appreciate the excellent work ethic and professionalism of our County Engineer Paul Gruner and his team. They do a great job of locating and protecting utilities on all of their vital construction projects.”



“At the City of Centerville, we promote safe digging practices because it is in the best interest of our citizens and businesses,” said Centerville Mayor Brooks Compton. “We take our responsibility to safeguard public safety very seriously, and following safe digging practices helps to protect our citizens, utilities, homes and businesses.”

Anyone can get help locating underground utilities by calling 811 to speak to an O.U.P.S. customer service representative. O.U.P.S. will then contact local utilities companies to mark their underground utilities in the area. This simple step can keep people and property safe during construction or excavation projects.

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Some projects that may require a call to O.U.P.S. include:

- landscaping,
- digging holes for fence posts or a mailbox,
- anchoring supports for decks and swings sets,
- planting trees or removing tree roots,
- driving landscaping stakes into the ground,
- and installing a retainer wall.

For more information and safe digging tips, visit the O.U.P.S. website at [www.oups.org](http://www.oups.org).

### About Montgomery County Environmental Services

Montgomery County Department of Environmental Services provides trash disposal, recycling, drinking water distribution, and wastewater treatment to the citizens of Montgomery County. The department also offers educational outreach to local schools, communities, and businesses that want to learn more about conservation and sustainability in the Miami Valley region.

### About the City of Centerville, Ohio

The City of Centerville, Ohio, became a city on December 2, 1968, and is home to about 23,700 people. Benjamin Robbins named the community "Centreville" after his hometown, Centreville, New Jersey, and because it was located between two rivers and central to other communities like Dayton and Lebanon. By 1900, the U. S. Post Office changed the spelling to Centerville. The city takes great pride in the unique array of cultural, artistic and entertainment activities that make Centerville such a great place to live, work and raise a family.

### About the Miami Valley Utility Safety Council

The Miami Valley Utility Safety Council (MVUSC) is a proactive partnership to promote safety through preventing damage to all utilities for the purpose of maintaining services integrity to our customers through education, communication, and cooperation. The MVUSC is one of six councils sponsored by the Ohio Utilities Protection Service (O.U.P.S.), which is a non-profit organization that serves as the communication link between utility owners and anyone planning excavation activity in Ohio. Visit [www.facebook.com/mvusc](http://www.facebook.com/mvusc) for more information.

### About the Montgomery County Engineer's Office

The mission of the Montgomery County Engineer's Office is to maintain and improve the local roadway network, which will provide for the safe and efficient movement of the traveling public and a healthy local economy. The office maintains 320 miles of county roads and 541 bridges. This responsibility includes the repair, replacement and improvement of the roads and bridges on County Roads, and snow and ice control during the winter months. The Engineer's Office primary focus is to serve the people of Montgomery County.

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