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Call Before You Dig!

Disrupting an underground utility line during construction can be inconvenient, expensive and even dangerous, but it is easy to avoid. Before starting an excavation or trench, putting in a drywell, installing an inground pool or even planting a tree, find out the location of underground utility lines and cables. **Contact the New York City/Long Island One Call Center at 1-800-272-4480 for this information before you dig.**

The requirement to "Call Before You Dig" can be found in New York State General Business Law article 36 and Public Service Law section 119B.

Need to know more? Visit the website of [Keyspan Energy](#).

Preliminary Mayor's Management Report

On Thursday, February 9, 2006, Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg released the Preliminary Mayor's Management Report (PMMR) for Fiscal Year 2006. The PMMR provides a snapshot of how the City performed four months into the fiscal year, and forecasts expected levels of service based on the City's Preliminary Budget. Read the [Mayor's Press Release](#) and/or watch the video ([dial-up](#) (56k) or [broadband](#) (300k)). To view the Department of Buildings annual statistics for the first four months of the fiscal year, review the [performance report](#). [Indicator definitions](#) and [supplementary indicator tables](#) are also available for review.

OSHA Updates Construction eTool for Spanish-speaking Workers

A popular and important Web-based training tool has been restructured to aid Spanish-speaking construction workers. OSHA recently posted a new version of its construction eTool ([eTool de Construccion - La Prevencion De Fatalidades](#)) that will help employers and workers identify and avoid hazards that commonly cause the most serious injuries in construction including electrical, falls, struck-by and trenching. The updated version uses safety and health terms from OSHA's English-to-Spanish and Spanish-to-English construction dictionaries, and includes a glossary of construction safety and health terms, and topics to aid in developing and maintaining effective

workplace safety and health programs. An [English version](#) of this eTool is also available.

Reminders

Announcement

Registered plumbers, fire suppression and piping contractors, oil burner installers, and sign hangers licensed by the Department are eligible to renew certain "no change" permits online. Three hundred permits have been renewed online in the last month alone! The Electrical Permit Application portion of this system is in development. However, electricians can also register for the system now. View our revised and enhanced pages on the [eFiling](#) program including a comprehensive [User Guide](#) (2,979 kb-pdf) and a [Frequently Asked Questions](#) section.

Presidents' Day

All Department of Buildings' Offices will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2006. View our [holiday schedule](#) for all other closure dates in 2006.

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