

OUTDOOR SAFETY TIPS FOR SPRING

It's important to keep safety in mind as we begin our outdoor spring projects this March! Here are a few key safety tips to remember as you set up outdoor decor or embark on a new DIY project.

CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG

Whether you're installing a new fence, planting a tree, or putting in new landscaping, one of the most important steps is to call 811. This service can help you locate anything underground that might cause serious injury or damage - like an underground utility line. This simple step can save you from accidents or costly repairs, so always call 811 before you dig.



PRACTICE LADDER SAFETY

Cleaning your gutters or reaching those high branches might require the assistance of a ladder.

- Ensure your ladder is on a stable surface and positioned at the correct angle.
- Maintain three points of contact when climbing to keep your balance steady.
- Never overreach for something.
- Have someone nearby for an emergency.



CHECK EXTENSION CORDS AND POWER TOOLS

As you work on your spring projects, you'll likely use extension cords and power tools. Before plugging in or using any equipment,

- Take a moment to inspect them for any signs of wear, damage, or fraying.
- Never use a damaged extension cord, as this can pose a serious shock or fire hazard.
- Make sure your power tools are in good working condition.
- Always follow the manufacturer's safety instructions.



By taking a few extra moments to ensure safety, you can enjoy the satisfaction of completing your spring projects with peace of mind. After all, a little preparation now can help avoid a big headache later!