

811 Poster Contest Rules and Regulations

POSTER CONTEST OVERVIEW

Contact 811 before you dig is an easy message and applies to everyone: individuals, families, neighborhoods and even the construction industry. Simply put, the rule is **contact 811 before you dig**. This practice helps protect our environment and provides damage prevention to pipelines below ground.

This contest provides an easy way to incorporate safety education into classroom curriculum. The leader's role is to help students understand the reasons why contacting 811 is an important part of energy safety for neighborhoods. This can be accomplished by using the National Energy Foundation (NEF) *Natural Gas Safety Poster* and visiting energysafekids.org for additional ideas to inspire poster designs.

CONTEST JUDGING AND PRIZES

Entries will be judged on how students effectively communicate the theme **Safety is in your hands. Every dig. Every time.** Projects should express the student's ideas in a positive and constructive design. **Extra** points will be awarded for showing why respecting utility markers is important.

Entries will be evaluated by a panel of judges comprised of educators and experts from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration and/or NEF. By entering this contest, entrants agree to be bound by the decisions of the judges, which are final.

- All entrants will receive an 811 drawstring backpack.
- One grand prize and 11 honorable mention winners will be selected.
- Entry deadline is April 1, 2026. Winners will be notified in May 2026.
- Prizes are not transferable, substitutable or exchangeable for cash.



PRIZES:

- One grand prize winner will receive a technology package: an iPad, keyboard, earbuds and an Apple Pencil.
- Eleven honorable mention winners will each receive an \$81.10 gift card.
- The top 12 winning posters will be featured in a full color, professionally printed 811 safety calendar, which each school submitting entries will receive.
- The teacher of the grand prize winner will receive an \$811 educational award!

Step 1:
Create a
unique poster.

Step 2:
Fill out the
form.

Step 3:
Mail entries back in the
prepaid envelope.