**SOCIAL MEDIA MESSAGES – STORM CLEAN-UP**

The below template social media messages can be used to promote the importance of safe digging during clean-up and recovery efforts following heavy rains, hurricanes, tornadoes and other types of storms. These messages can be paired with the infographics included in CGA’s storm clean-up toolkit.

* Keeping communities safe and connected as we come together to start rebuilding from [NAME OR TYPE OF STORM] is so important. Always call 811 a few days before digging during storm recovery efforts and any other time to prevent accidental damage to underground utilities. #Call811
* Safety is a shared responsibility, and calling 811 before digging during clean-up efforts from [NAME OR TYPE OF STORM], such as replacing downed trees or fencing that may be placed near underground utilities, is essential. Doing so protects the people who dig and the entire community by preventing damage to infrastructure. #Call811
* Striking a single utility line during clean-up from [NAME OR TYPE OF STORM] or any other time can lead to personal injury, penalties, repair costs, and expensive and inconvenient outages. Keep your community safe and connected by always calling 811 before you dig. #Call811
* Widespread damage caused by [NAME OR TYPE OF STORM] has left many communities without electricity and phone/internet services. Please pause any nonessential digging at this time so that utility companies and locating professionals can respond to urgent requests related to restoring critical services.
* [NAME OR TYPE OF STORM] may cause heavy rains, flooding conditions or any occurrence that may wash away utility marks or delay locating professionals from performing their job. Please be sure to use extreme caution when working around utility lines in these conditions.
* Due to the conditions caused by [NAME OR TYPE OF STORM], utility owners may be facing stretched resources which may impact the response time to locate their underground infrastructure. If you submitted a locate request and notice markings, don’t assume that all lines have been located.
* When cleaning up debris from [NAME OR TYPE OF STORM], please exercise caution and do not place items in front of, around, or on top of known areas of buried and above ground utilities, including any above ground structures such as meters and pedestals that provide gas, power, communication or water capabilities.