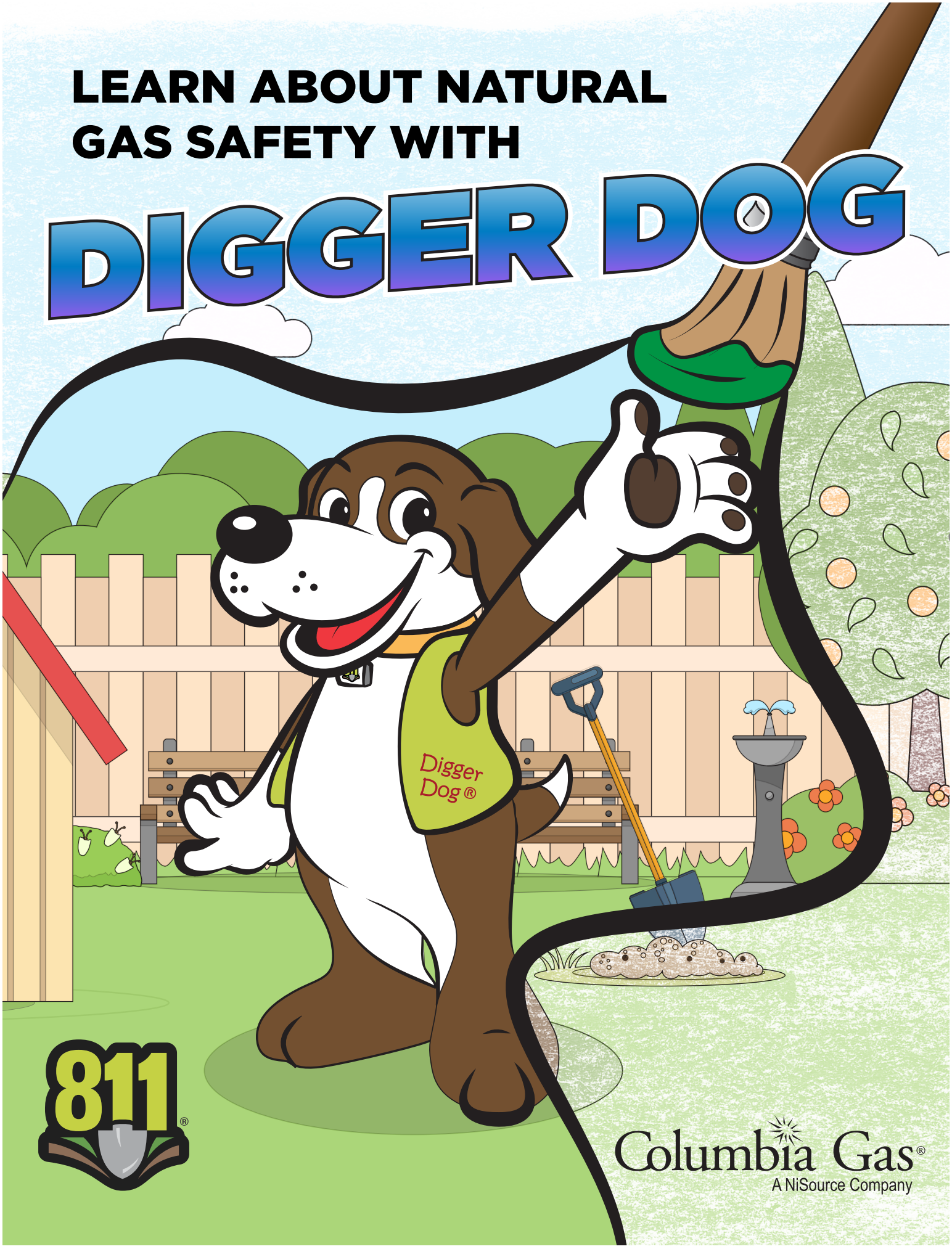
LEARN ABOUT NATURAL GAS SAFETY WITH

DIGGER DOG



811®

Columbia Gas®
A NiSource Company

DIGGER DOG™ IS READY TO HELP YOU LEARN WHY CONTACTING 811 BEFORE YOU DIG IS THE SMART THING TO DO.

Digger Dog™ always contacts 811 before he digs in the yard to bury his bones. It is important to contact 811 because there are pipelines buried underground, and we don't know where they are until utility companies like Columbia Gas come to mark them.

Knowing where the utility lines are helps prevent adults from accidentally damaging the lines during their next digging project. This keeps you, your family, and your neighborhood safe... and it's the law!

Tell your parents or caregivers that before they pick up the shovel for any digging project big or small, they must contact 811 at least **3 days** before the project starts! 811 will notify Columbia Gas and other utility companies to locate and mark the underground lines with colored paint or flags. It's also important not to move or play with these flags.

Remind adults to **contact 811** before they start any digging project such as:



INSTALLING A FENCE, MAILBOX, DECK, OR SWING SET



PLANTING TREES, SHRUBS OR A GARDEN



LANDSCAPING OR DIGGING A POND



WORKING ON DRAINS OR SEWER LINES



POURING CONCRETE



REMOVING TREE ROOTS




Digger
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Can you unscramble these words?

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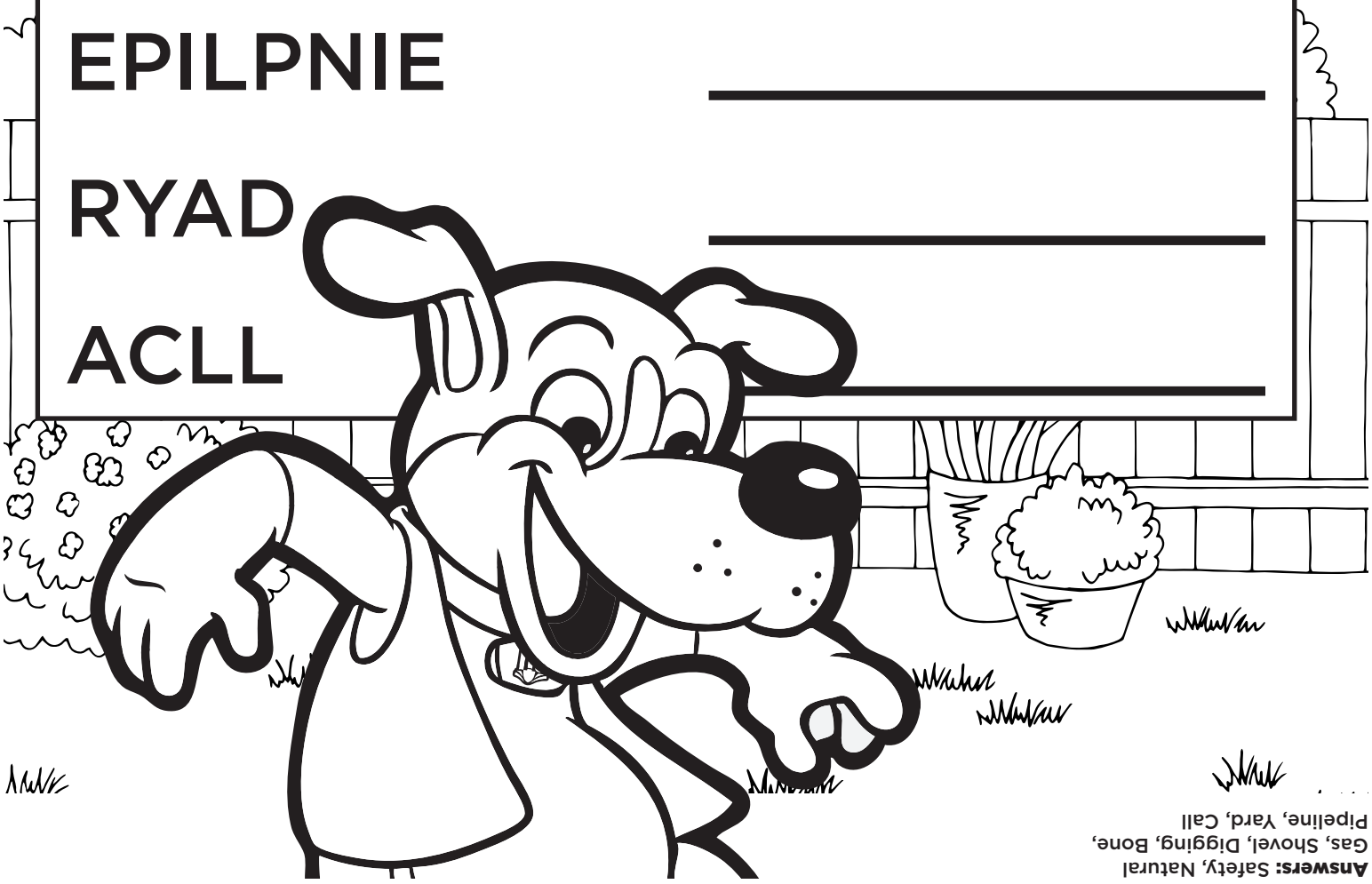
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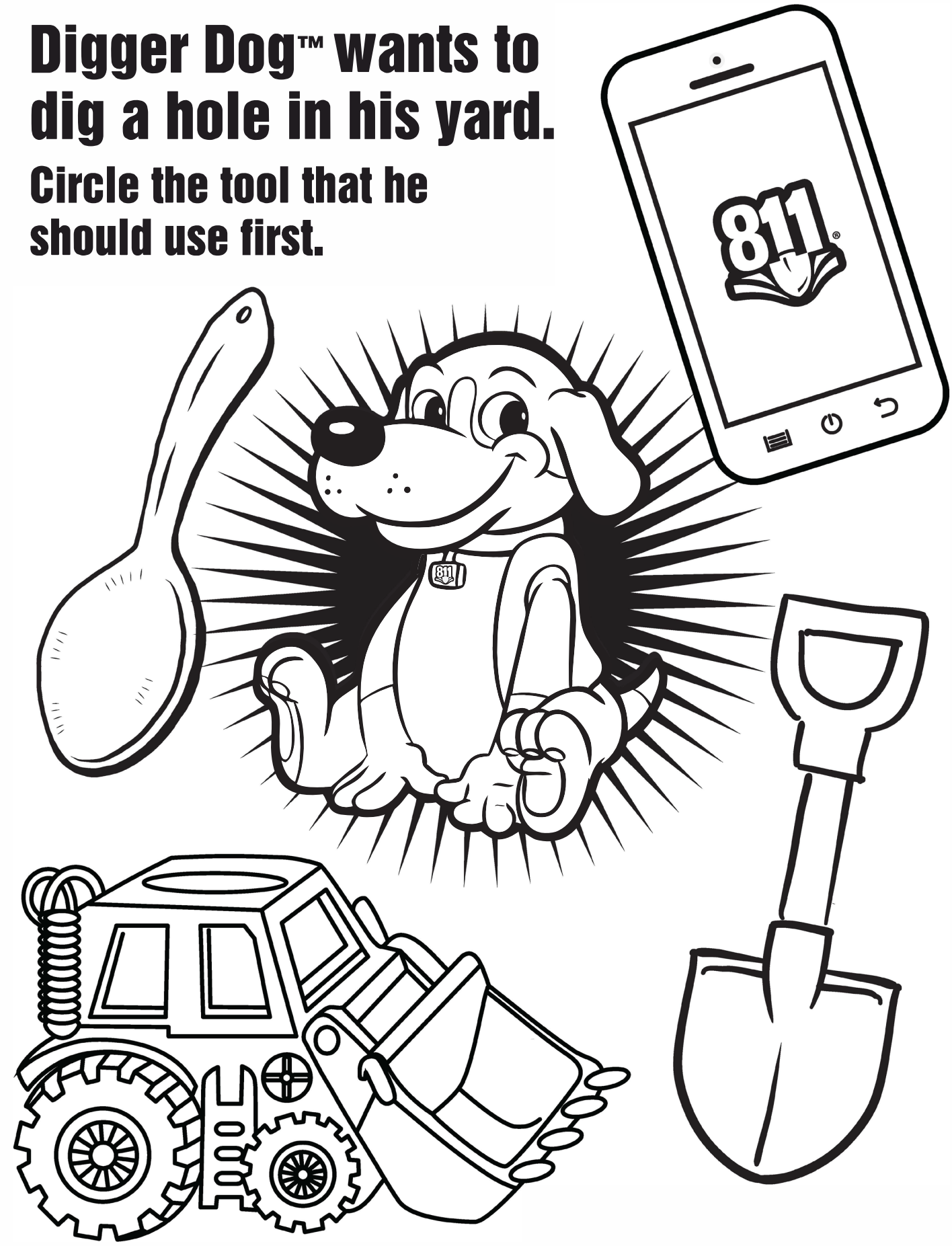
ACLL _____



Answers: Safety, Natural Gas, Shovel, Digging, Bone, Pipeline, Yard, Call

Digger Dog™ wants to dig a hole in his yard.

Circle the tool that he should use first.




Digger Dog™
811
Digger Dog™

Digger Dog™ is tail-wagging happy that you are excited about learning how you can help your family be safe when doing projects that require DIGGING!

Help Digger Dog™ find these words!

Circle them in the puzzle when you spot them.

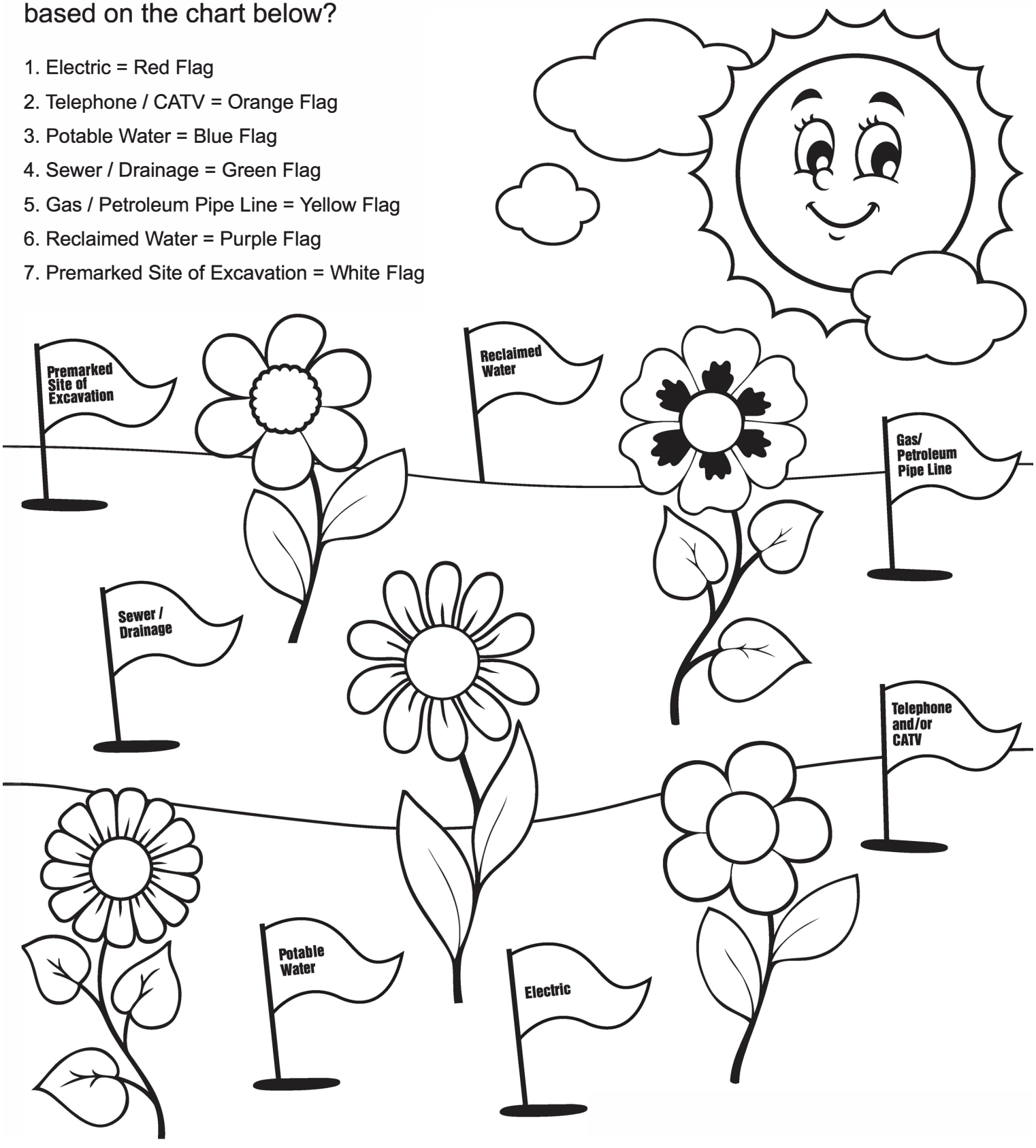
bone	**dog**	**leak**	**safety**	**think**
call	**flags**	**natural gas**	**shovel**	**underground**
dig	**law**	**pipeline**	**smell**	**yard**

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S S H O V E L L L N D
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U N D E R G R O U N D
B S T H I N K A A R I
L L E N O B L A D I G

Flags and flowers both come in a lot of different colors!

Can you color the flags in the appropriate colors for their meaning based on the chart below?

1. Electric = Red Flag
2. Telephone / CATV = Orange Flag
3. Potable Water = Blue Flag
4. Sewer / Drainage = Green Flag
5. Gas / Petroleum Pipe Line = Yellow Flag
6. Reclaimed Water = Purple Flag
7. Premarked Site of Excavation = White Flag



Digger Dog™ has found a secret code. Can you help him solve it?

Match the numbers and fill in the letters to discover the secret code.

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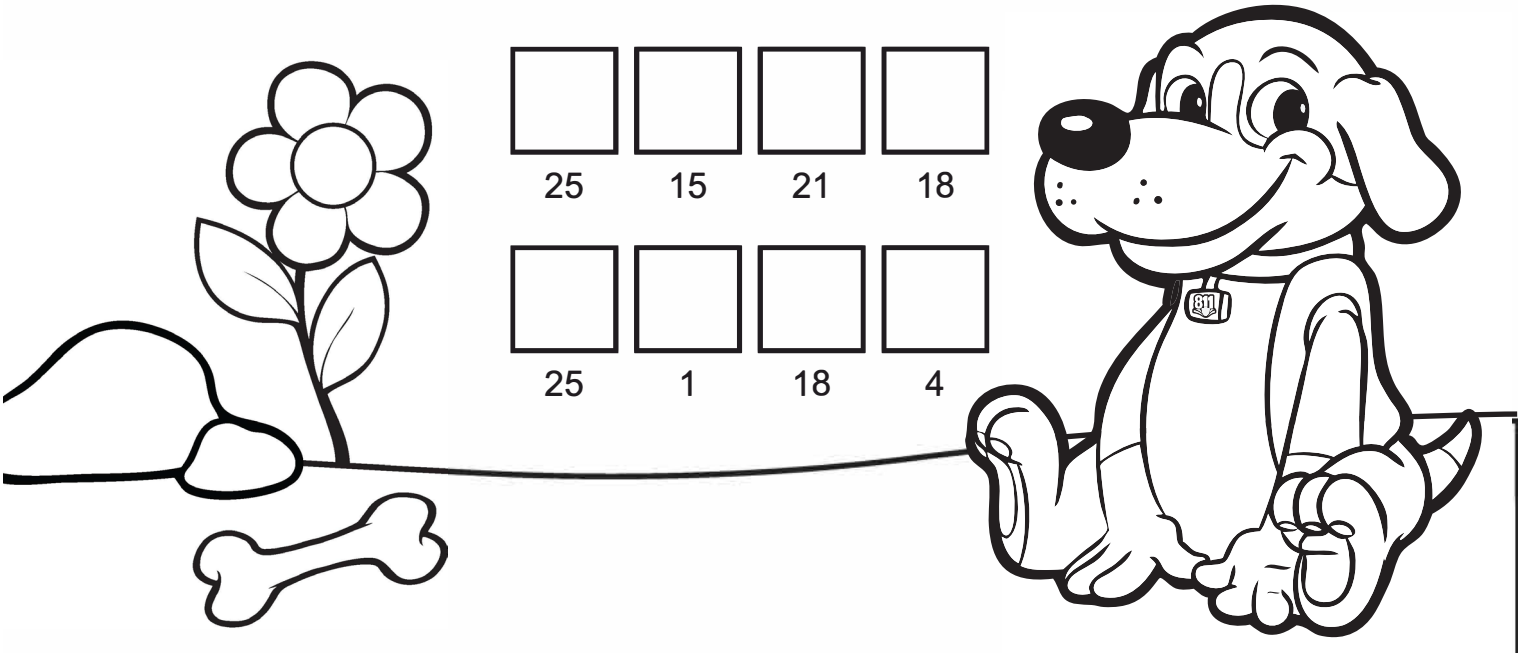
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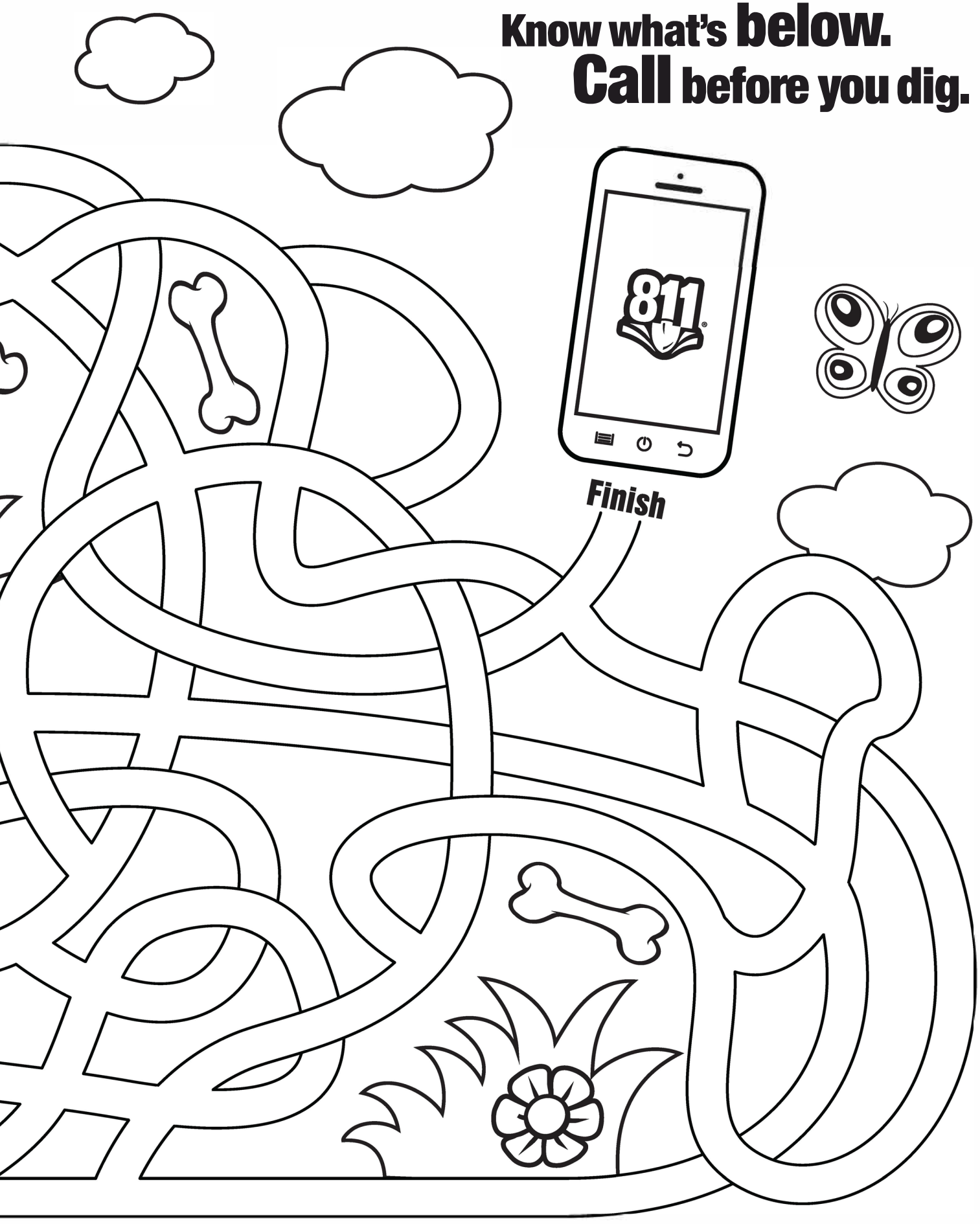
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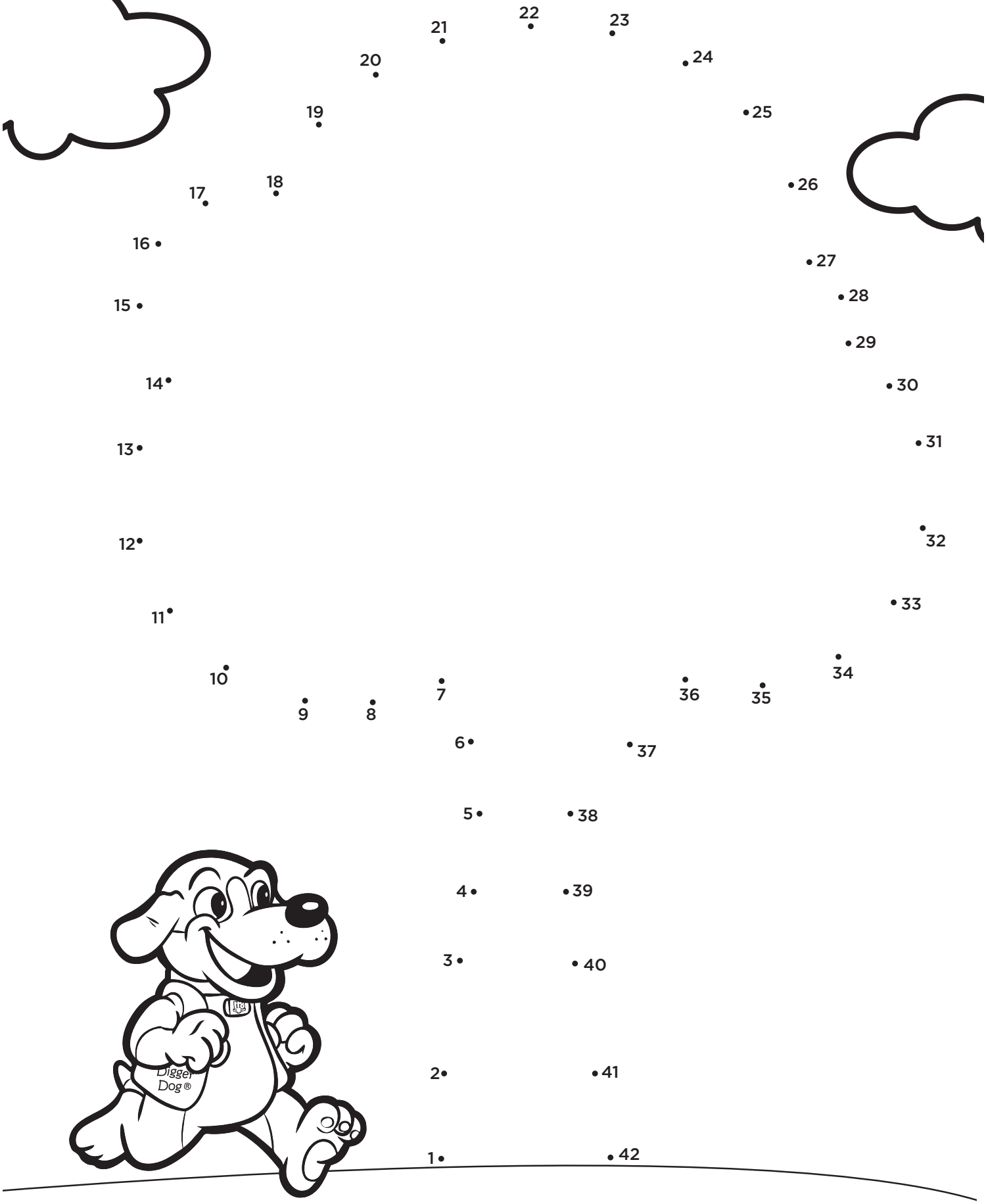


Digger Dog™ is excited to dig up some bones. Help him get to the phone so he can call 811 before he starts digging.

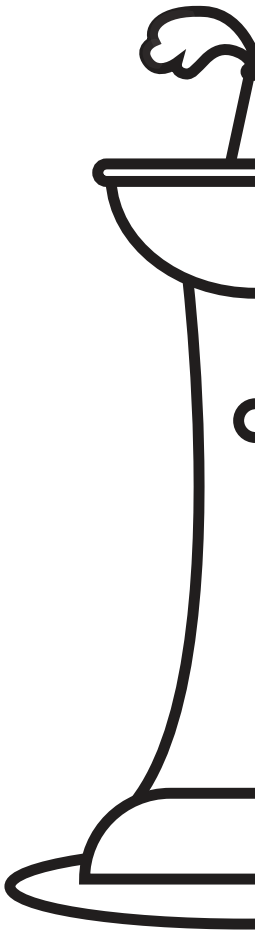


Know what's **below.**
Call before you dig.

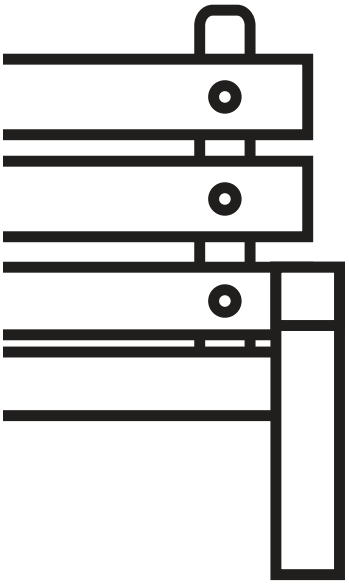



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COMPLETE THE DRAWINGS OF EACH ITEM IN DIGGER DOG'S BACKYARD.



WATER FOUNTAIN



BENCH



SHED

HELP DIGGER CLEAN HIS BACKYARD! CIRCLE EVERYTHING THAT SHOULD NOT BE THERE.

ANSWERS: GLOVES, CLEANER, PAN, SKILLET, ROLLING PIN, MOP, BROOM, TEAPOT, VACCUUM

Do you Smell Rotten Eggs?



1. **STOP** WHAT YOU ARE DOING
2. **TELL** AN ADULT
3. **LEAVE** THE AREA
4. **CALL 911** & COLUMBIA GAS

HELP DIGGER DOG FIND 4 THINGS IN THE HOUSE THAT USE NATURAL GAS!

Answer: Stove, Furnace, Water Heater, and Dryer

FILL IN THE BLANK



BUBBLING - CALL - EGGS - HEAR - HISSING
LEAVE - MERCAPTAN - SEE - SMELL - STOP

1. To help you _ _ _ _ _ a natural gas leak, companies like Columbia Gas, add a chemical called _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ that has a stinky smell like rotten _ _ _ _ or sulfur.

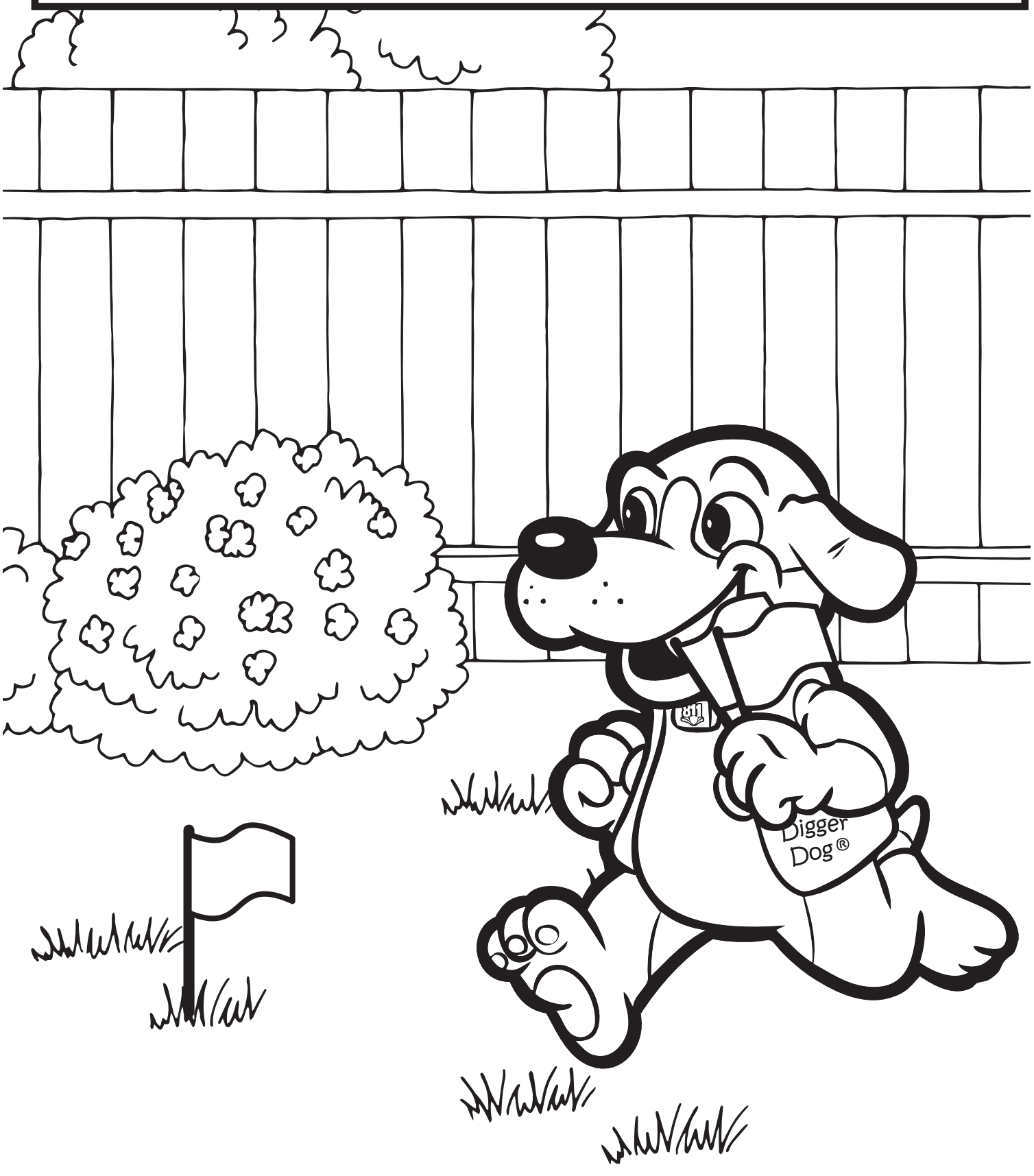
2. A leaking pipe might make a _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ sound you can _ _ _ _.

3. Near a gas leak, you might _ _ _ blowing dirt, _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ water or a small area of dead plants.

4. If you suspect a natural gas leak, _ _ _ _ what you are doing, _ _ _ _ _ the area immediately, and _ _ _ _ 911 and Columbia Gas.

1. smell, mercaptan, eggs; 2. hissing, hear; 3. see, bubbling; 4. stop, leave, call

THESE FLAGS MARK WHERE THE UTILITY LINES ARE BELOW THE GROUND... SO MAKE SURE YOU DO NOT PICK THEM UP TO PLAY WITH THEM.



THINK YOU SMELL NATURAL GAS?



1. STOP

WHAT YOU ARE DOING



2. LEAVE

THE AREA IMMEDIATELY
(IF INSIDE, GET OUT)



3. CALL

911 & COLUMBIA GAS FROM A SAFE LOCATION

USE YOUR **SENSES** TO DETECT A NATURAL GAS LEAK



LISTEN

FOR A HISSING, BLOWING, WHISTLING OR ROARING SOUND



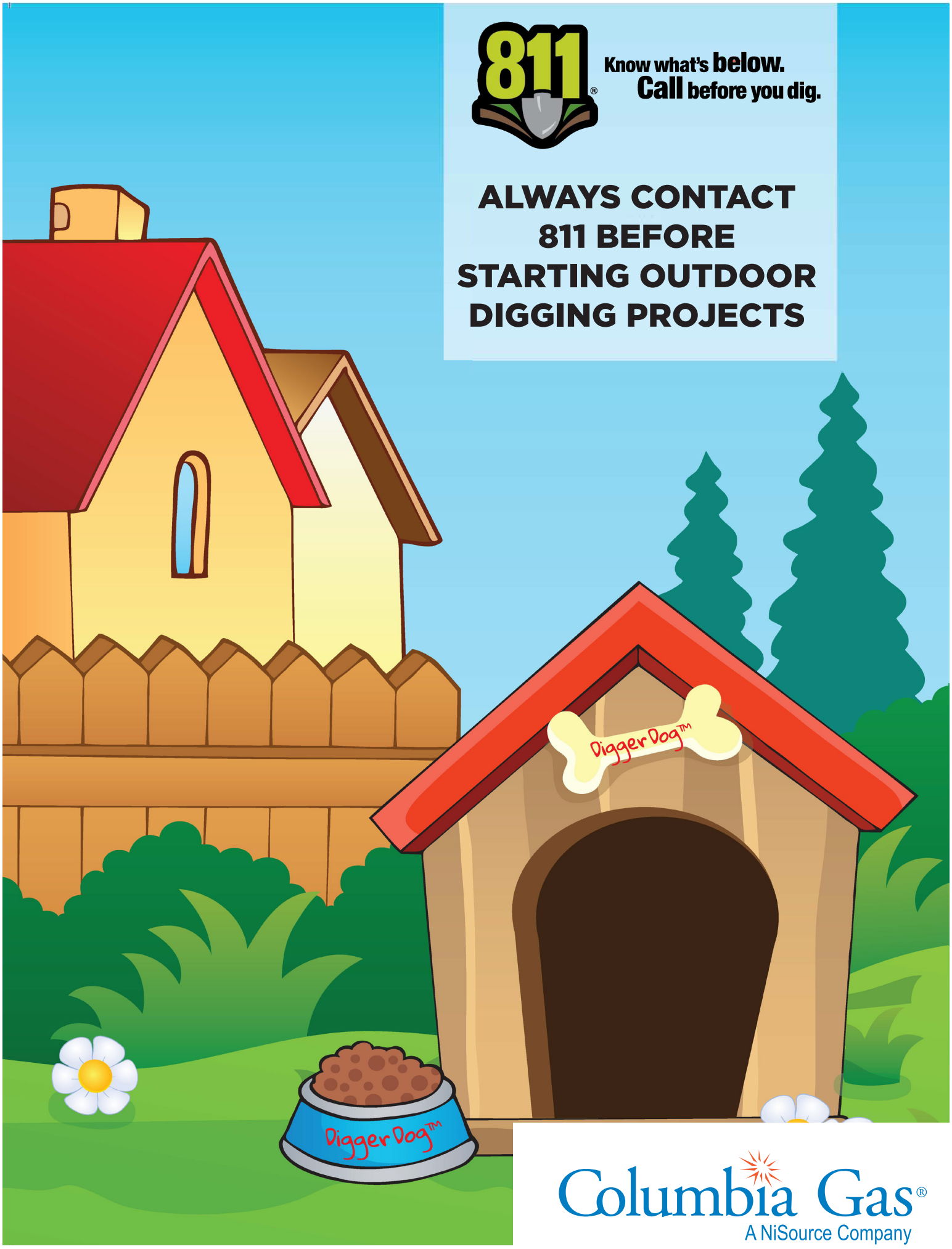
SMELL

A DISTINCT ODOR LIKE ROTTEN EGGS OR SULFUR



LOOK

FOR BLOWING DIRT, BUBBLING WATER, OR DEAD VEGETATION


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