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Minnesota Damage Prevention Meetings

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Every year, the Minnesota Common Ground Alliance (MNCGA), the Minnesota Office of Pipeline Safety (MNOPS), and Gopher State One Call (GSOC) work with local utility coordinating committees to host free damage prevention meetings throughout March and April. These educational meetings review safe digging practices designed to protect our state's underground infrastructure. They provide important reminders for the excavating public before the spring digging season begins.

During the meetings, each of the three sponsors focus on different areas. The MNCGA encourages industry stakeholders to join their organization to help raise damage prevention awareness, while GSOC covers any processing changes, updates, and common mistakes or errors made on locate tickets. MNOPS elaborates on case studies, frequent complications found in the field, and excavation rules and regulations in Minnesota.

**In 2017, there will be 32 meetings held throughout the state.
See dates and locations below.**

CROOKSTON AREA

2/28/17
11:30am

OWATONNA

3/8/17
9:00am

MORRIS AREA

3/23/17
6:30am

**NEW YORK MILLS/
PERHAM AREA**

4/4/17
5:30pm

SHAKOPEE

3/2/17
7:30am

LAKEVILLE

3/9/17
7:30am

BROOKLYN PARK

3/23/17
7:30am

PARK RAPIDS

4/6/17
10:00am

HUTCHINSON

3/2/17
8:30am

ROCHESTER

3/9/17
9:30am

DULUTH AREA

3/24/17
6:30am

GRAND RAPIDS AREA

4/11/17
7:30am

NEW ULM

3/3/17
8:30am

AUSTIN/ALBERT LEA

3/10/17
7:30am

ALEXANDRIA AREA

3/24/17
6:30am

INTERNATIONAL FALLS

4/25/17
5:30pm

VIRGINIA/HIBBING AREA

3/6/17
7:30am

WORTHINGTON AREA

3/14/17
10:30am

MANKATO AREA

3/28/17
8:30am

BAUDETTE

4/26/17
5:30pm

TWO HARBORS AREA

3/7/17
7:00am

HINCKLEY AREA

3/15/17
7:30am

WILLMAR/SPICER AREA

3/29/17
6:30am

ROSEAU/WARROAD

4/27/17
5:30pm

WINONA AREA

3/7/17
7:00am

MARSHALL AREA

3/21/17
7:00am

ST. CLOUD/FOLEY AREA

3/30/17
6:30am

ANDOVER AREA

3/8/17
7:15am

BRAINERD AREA

3/22/17
7:00am

OAKDALE

3/30/17
7:30am

*There will be two upcoming meetings held in [Bemidji](#) and [Thief River Falls](#). Dates and times are TBD. Stay tuned on the MNCGA website for additional details when they become available.

Click [HERE](#) to register for a damage prevention meeting!

With an increase in the number of excavation projects and people entering the industry, it is more important than ever to exercise safe digging practices daily. Every excavation project, large or small, requires a “click or call” to GSOC. Stay safe by contacting GSOC 48 hours, excluding weekends and holidays, before you begin digging. Get ready for the spring excavation season by registering for a damage prevention meeting today!



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