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# Celebrate NSDM this April!

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April is an important month in the damage prevention industry. Since 2007, the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate has recognized April as National Safe Digging Month (NSDM), which makes 2017 the 10th anniversary of this significant acknowledgment.



Throughout April, Gopher State One Call (GSOC), the Minnesota Regional Common Ground Alliance (MNCGA), and the Minnesota Office of Pipeline Safety (MNOPS) will be participating in damage prevention meetings offered around the state to emphasize the need to practice safe digging, which includes a “call or click” to GSOC. These educational opportunities are available at no cost for all stakeholders in the underground utility industry.

See dates and locations below:

<b>New York Mills/ Perham Area</b>	<b>Park Rapids</b>	<b>Bemidji</b>	<b>Grand Rapids Area</b>
4/4/17	4/6/17	4/10/17	4/11/17
5:30 pm	10:00 am	5:15 pm	7:30 am
<b>Thief River Falls</b>	<b>International Falls</b>	<b>Baudette</b>	<b>Roseau/ Warroad</b>
4/12/17	4/25/17	4/26/17	4/27/17
5:30 pm	5:30 pm	5:30 pm	5:30 pm

Visit the 811 Car and 811 Bike at the Hmongtown Marketplace to kick off their community garden/farm season!

**WHEN**

Friday, April 28th through Sunday, April 30th.

**WHERE**

217 Como Ave

St. Paul, MN 55103

(On the corner of Como Ave and Marion St. in St. Paul)



**Do you work in the gas/liquids industry? Are you a pipeline operator or damage prevention specialist? Register for the MNOPS Pipeline Safety Conference!**

**WHEN**

Monday, April 17th through Thursday, April 20th.

**WHERE**

Cragun's Resort on Gull Lake  
11000 Craguns Dr.  
Brainerd, MN 56401

**WHAT TO EXPECT**

- Time to meet vendors and learn about exciting safety products and the latest industry technology.
- Educational and breakout sessions.
- Check out the agenda and see what's in store.
- MNOPS is turning 30 this year and our conference theme- MNOPS at 30: Then and Now.

**REGISTRATION**

The registration deadline is Monday, April 3rd. Click [here](#) for more details.

**Are you an excavator? Would you like to learn more about how to use GSOC's new ITIC Online Ticketing Software? Register for an educational webinar today!**

Click [here](#) for registration times and dates.

**Want your own training event for your company? Request one with GSOC!**

Click [here](#) to request additional training opportunities.

NSDM serves as a reminder that there is a complex underground network of pipelines, wires, and cables buried beneath our feet. With spring approaching, homeowners and professional excavators alike are eager to begin their outdoor excavating projects. Regardless of the size of the project, we encourage everyone to contact GSOC at least 48 hours, excluding weekends and holidays, before any excavation project to prevent damage to underground utilities, injuries, and the disruption of essential services.



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