

EXCAVATOR QUICK GUIDE

Excavator Responsibilities - Know the Basics!

Plan for Your Excavation

You are required to use white markings to define the entire area where excavation will occur. Include a safety buffer when marking the area.

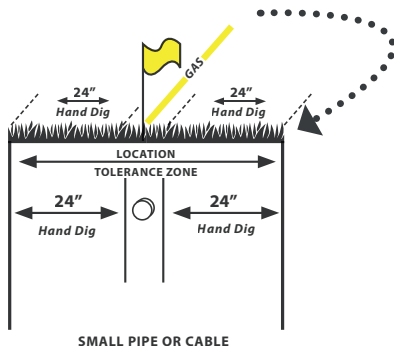
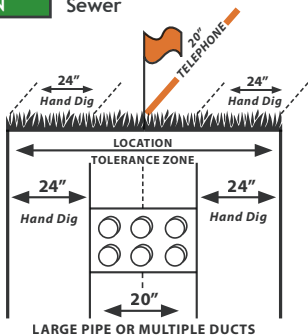
Notify GSOC

All Minnesota excavators, including homeowners and farmers, are responsible for notifying GSOC of their proposed excavations so facility operators with underground facilities near the excavation site can be informed of pending excavation. Excavators are required to notify GSOC 48 hours in advance, excluding weekends and holidays, before beginning excavation. The day of the request for locates will be excluded from the timeline for those notices. The 48-hour period for locating the lines will begin at 12:01 a.m., the day after the request is made.

The color of paint or flags identifies the type of underground facility

WHITE	Area of Proposed Excavation
PINK	Temporary Survey Markings
RED	Electric
YELLOW	Gas, Oil, Steam, Propane
ORANGE	Communication, CATV, Fiber
BLUE	Water
PURPLE	Reclaimed Water, Irrigation
GREEN	Sewer

- ▶ ALWAYS USE THE CORRECT WORK TYPE ON YOUR TICKET
- ▶ CHECK FOR ACCURACY OF THE INFORMATION ON YOUR TICKET
- ▶ ALWAYS CHECK THE STATUS OF YOUR TICKET BEFORE YOU EXCAVATE
- ▶ HAND DIG WITHIN THE TOLERANCE ZONE



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<i>Emergency</i> _____	866-640-3637
<i>Twin Cities Metro</i> _____	651-454-0002
<i>Greater MN Area</i> _____	800-252-1166
<i>Nationally</i> _____	811

Contact Customer Support

By phone: 651-681-7326

By email: customersupport@gopherstateonecall.org



SAFETY IS IN YOUR HANDS.
EVERY DIG. EVERY TIME.

Private Facilities

Some underground lines in your work area may not be utility owned. These are considered private facilities and will NOT be marked by public utility companies. Inspect your job site prior to entering a ticket for clues as to where private facilities may be buried. Investigate who may have installed them and determine if any records or maps exist. Suggest that the property owner hire a private utility locator. A list of private locators can be found at gopherstateonecall.org/private-facility-locators