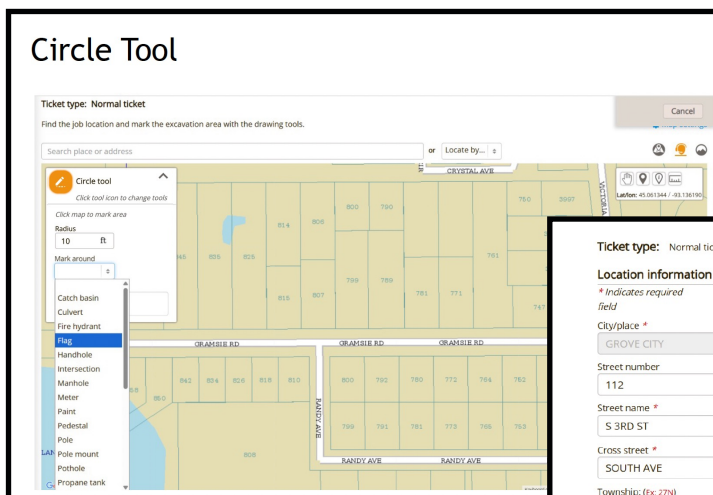# AUTOMATED MARKING INSTRUCTIONS

Streamline the Locate Request Process While Meeting MN's Legal Requirements

This new feature provides a consistent language for marking instructions and results in better more useful information for locators. Automated Marking Instructions should increase locator efficiency, help reduce hits to underground infrastructure, and help improve overall safety.

In ITIC, use the circle, feature, parcel, and route tools to create "automated marking instructions." The marking instructions will automatically populate in the one-call ticket based on the defined area of excavation.

Once the instructions are generated, read them over and make sure they are correct. Tickets that have no changes will be released directly to facility operators. If changes are made to the automated marking instructions, the ticket will be reviewed by GSOC prior to release.

Why Use Automated Marking Instructions?

Minnesota law now requires white markings on all excavations, without exception. Starting January 1, 2026, an excavator may provide electronic markings in lieu of physical markings, if they provide locators with the same information as a physical mark.

Automated marking instructions can help to fulfill this requirement, as the circle, feature, parcel, and route tools will likely provide enough information for facility operators and locators to identify the excavation area. The automated marking instructions should always be reviewed and adjusted as needed by the person submitting the ticket for accuracy. Facility operators may require physical marks at any time.

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