

# EXCAVATOR QUICK GUIDE

## Excavator Responsibilities - Know the Basics!







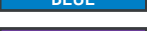

### Plan for Your Excavation

You are required to use white markings to define the entire area where excavation will occur, unless it can be shown it is not practical. Include a safety buffer when marking the area.

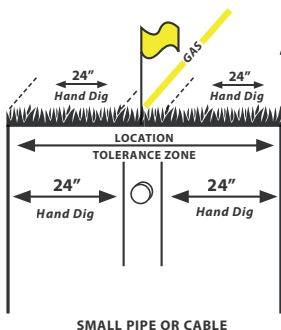
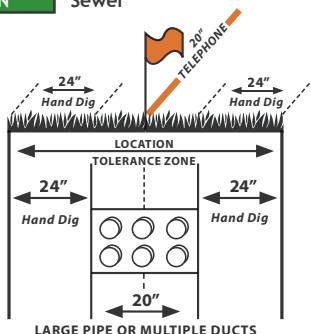
### Notify GSOC

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 color of paint or flags identifies the type of underground facility

	Area of Proposed Excavation
	Temporary Survey Markings
	Electric
	Gas, Oil, Steam, Propane
	Communication, CATV, Fiber
	Water
	Reclaimed Water, Irrigation
	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



Know what's below.  
811 before you dig.

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## File Locate Requests by Phone

**Emergency** \_\_\_\_\_ 866-640-3637  
**Twin Cities Metro** \_\_\_\_\_ 651-454-0002  
**Greater MN Area** \_\_\_\_\_ 800-252-1166  
**Nationally** \_\_\_\_\_ 811

## File Locate Requests Online

[www.gsocsubmit.org](http://www.gsocsubmit.org)

## Search for Tickets Online

[www.gsocsearch.org](http://www.gsocsearch.org)

## Visit our Website

[www.gopherstateonecall.org](http://www.gopherstateonecall.org)

## Contact Customer Support

By phone: 651-681-7326

By email: [customersupport@gopherstateonecall.org](mailto:customersupport@gopherstateonecall.org)

## 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 - <http://gopherstateonecall.org/private-facility-locators>



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