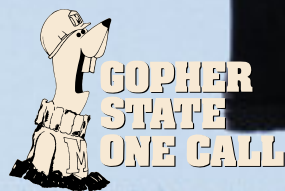




# Call before you dig



**METRO AREA**  
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**MN TOLL FREE**  
**800-252-1166**  
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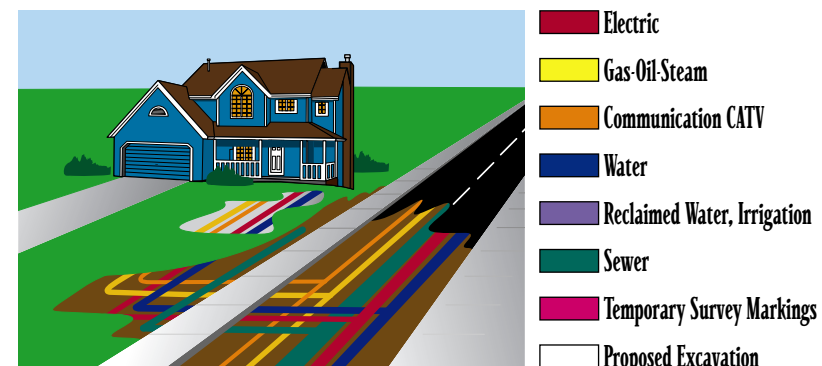
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## Call Two Full Business Days Before You Dig

**Prepare before you call:**  
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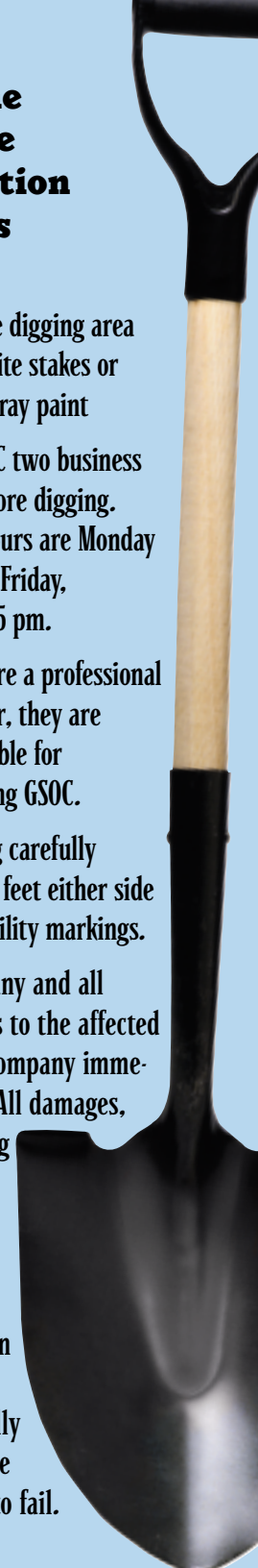
1. What is your name, address and phone number?
2. What type of work will you be doing? (i.e. planting a tree, installation of fence)
3. What is the dig location's address, city, county and nearest intersecting street?
4. At the dig location, where will you be digging? (i.e. east side of house, within 5 ft radius of white stake.)
5. When will you be digging? (i.e. 3 days, next week)
6. Use white paint or stakes to mark the dig area

### Color Code For Marking Underground Utility Lines



### How the Damage Prevention Process Works:

1. Mark the digging area with white stakes or white spray paint
2. Call GSOC two business days before digging. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 7 am to 5 pm.
3. If you hire a professional excavator, they are responsible for contacting GSOC.
4. Hand dig carefully within 2 feet either side of the utility markings.
5. Report any and all damages to the affected utility company immediately. All damages, including nicks in cables and dents in steel, can and will eventually cause the facility to fail.

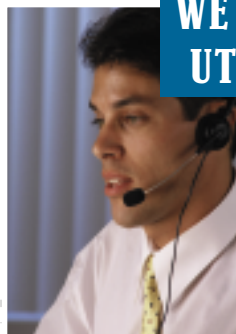




# What Happens when you call...

## Facts about Gopher State One Call

- Gopher State One Call is a non-profit organization formed to act as a communications link between excavators and member utility companies.
- Visit [gopherstateonecall.org](http://gopherstateonecall.org) before you call, to learn what information you need before calling.
- The service provided to you is **FREE** as Minnesota utility companies support the system.
- **MINNESOTA LAW REQUIRES** that everyone who intends to excavate must provide two full working days notice.
- During those 48 hours, the utility companies will mark the approximate location of their facilities.
- Avoid (dig with extra care) the tolerance zone of two feet each side of the utility marks.
- Watch for private facilities such as sprinklers, power lines to garage or out buildings, propane gas lines, gas grill line or invisible fencing as these will not be located by Minnesota utility companies.
- It is your responsibility to conduct excavation in a careful and prudent manner. Never assume the depth of a utility or that the depth of the utilities is consistent.



**WE INFORM UTILITIES**



**YOU CALL US**



**UTILITIES MARK UNDERGROUND LINES**



**YOU DIG SAFELY**



**UTILITY SERVICES AREN'T INTERRUPTED**

