



Coming In April!

Locates Without Borders

Tired of placing multiple locate requests because your job is located in more than one city, township, village, or county? Well, soon only a single request is needed when your jobs takes you into more than one place. This change will take place within the first week of April.

How does it work?

Member facility owners will receive your request based solely on the mapped work location and not which city, township, village, or county you indicate on your ticket. So, if you place your tickets with an RTE or Design account, as always, make sure your entire work location is completely covered by the polygon you create on the map.

How do I know which city, township, village, or county to enter on my ticket?

You may enter any one of the cities, townships, villages, or counties your work is located in on the request, but be sure to map the entire work location in all places.

It's important to remember, scope of work limitations still apply.

- Each street requires a separate ticket.
- Up to 10 addresses on a ticket as long as they are on the same street, within a mile of each other.
- When working along roads or a cross country route, only one or two miles maximum per request, depending on intersecting roads.

For more information about Locates Without Borders, please attend one of April's teleconferences. The information is located below.



APRIL TELECONFERENCES

Please join us in April to learn how Locates Without Borders will impact you.

The teleconference can be viewed using [JOIN.ME](#)

Click on a date below to RSVP.

April 3rd

April 10th

April 17th



OVERHEAD REQUESTS

In the first week of April, all Overhead requests should be submitted online. RTE users will notice the Overhead Question gone from the ticket entry screen when this change takes place. If you need to place an overhead request, go to OVERHEAD.MISSDIG811.ORG.



Have You Heard? ONE TICKET PER CALL

As of April 1, 2018 MISS DIG 811's Notification Center will only accept one ticket (Locate Request) per phone call.

Placing locate requests online is the best way to avoid long hold times.

There are two ways to place online locate requests: e-Locate & Remote Ticket Entry (RTE).

- e-Locate- For single address requests. This does not require an account or training. You may access it from WWW.MISSDIG811.ORG or ELOCATE.MISSDIG.ORG.
- RTE- For excavators placing locate requests on a daily or weekly basis. An account and training are required. For more information go to <http://www.missdig.org/programs/remote-ticket-entry.html>

Contact Stephanie Boe for more information or questions at sboe@missdig811.org

Last Chance to Get Your Crews MISS DIG 811 Certified Before the Season Begins!



April is Safe Digging Month, and MISS DIG 811 and your local utilities are working together to host 10 all day events across the entire state of Michigan! Everyone is invited and it's free!

Join MISS DIG 811's Education team in kicking off the 2018 Season!

At each event, we'll provide the following:

- Speakers from Local Utility Companies- You'll have the opportunity to get safety info directly from the experts at your local Utility Company's Public Safety Team as they kick-off the event by sharing their tips and experiences in the field! (may not be available at all locations)
- MISS DIG 811 Certification- Certification covers all things MISS DIG 811, including PA 174, overhead electric safety, pipeline safety, locator services, the various tools & resources we have available for excavators & facility owner/operators. *This meets the SMS requirements for Gold Shovel Standard.*
- Gold Shovel Standard- Get more info on GSS - A nonprofit advocacy group dedicated to public and workforce safety at excavation sites by certifying safe work practices and providing metrics for damage prevention performance.
- Programs & Tools For Members- For MISS DIG 811 members, we'll provide a late afternoon session that covers RMA Accounts & our new Web Ticket Management System (TMS).

Our All-Day Workshops also include lunch provided by MISS DIG 811! Plus, MISS DIG 811 Certification also meets requirements for Continuing Education Credits for Drinking Water, Wastewater, Professional Engineers, Residential Builder Pre-licensure #DP438 & Residential Builder (Safety or Other).

Click below to see more information about each event and to register.

[Sterling Heights-April 3](#)

[Menominee-April 11](#)

[Battle Creek-April 4](#)

[Marquette-April 12](#)

[White Cloud-April 5](#)

[East Tawas-April 13](#)

[Traverse City-April 9](#)

[Flint-April 17](#)

[Gaylord-April 10](#)

[Dundee-April 18](#)



And The Safety Digging Advocate Award Goes To...

The Grayling DNR Team. Congratulations Josh Pellow, Dave Foster, Reese Janisse & Eric Rohn!

Grayling DNR Team shown with Bruce Campbell, MISS DIG 811 CEO

Damage Prevention Associations



Damage Prevention Associations (DPA) are groups of representatives from local excavating companies, locating companies, municipalities and utility companies who meet on a regular basis to share information, receive training, network and problem solve. Below is information for the current Damage Prevention Associations throughout the state.

If you would like to attend a meeting, but are unable to travel to a location below, you may access them remotely. *Participation is needed by the excavating community to keep DPAs viable.*

- To access remotely, call 248-724-5800 ID (827817)
- When available, visual aids may be viewed during the meeting with [JOIN.ME](https://www.join.me/) at <https://www.join.me/>

TRI-COUNTY

Meeting Location

Saginaw County Road Commission
3020 Sheridan Ave
Saginaw MI 48607

Meeting Times- Monthly

9AM to 10:30AM on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 19th

Contacts

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To receive Tri-County DPA meeting reminders, please fill out the form from the link below.

TRI-COUNTY DPA FORM

WESTERN MICHIGAN

Meeting Location

Plainfield Water Distribution Center
5195 Plainfield Ave
Grand Rapids MI 49525

Meeting Times- Quarterly

1:30PM to 3PM

Wednesday, May 2nd, 2018
Wednesday, August 1st, 2018
Wednesday, November 7th, 2018

Contact

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To receive Western Michigan DPA meeting reminders, please fill out the form from the button below.

W MI DPA FORM

SOUTHWESTERN MICHIGAN

Meeting Location

Kalamazoo Community Foundation Bldg
402 E Michigan Ave
Kalamazoo MI 49007

Meeting Times- Quarterly

10AM to 11:30AM

Wednesday, May 2nd, 2018
Wednesday, August 1st, 2018
Wednesday, November 7th, 2018

Contact

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To receive Southwestern Michigan DPA meeting reminders, please fill out the form from the button below.

[SW MI DPA FORM](#)

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Future Dates TBD

Spread the word



There are still MORE changes coming at MISS DIG 811 and we'd like to share them with everyone.

If you know others who might be interested in learning about MISS DIG 811 related topics, the upcoming changes and educational events, please share the following link so they can sign-up to receive our newsletter.

<https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/d.jsp?llr=ghreuvyab&p=oi&m=1126007194854&sit=7et8ci5kb&f=25364a01-74b1-4ded-88a3-965ec46e529f>

Sign Up

There's more to share in the coming months. Please help us spread the word.

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Be smart when farming near underground pipelines and utilities

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A northern Illinois farmer and his son were killed, and another farmworker was severely burned in a natural gas pipeline explosion while installing field tile last fall. According to pipeline company officials, they were unaware of the field work, and the required one-call notification was not provided to the company prior to the work being performed.

Spring means deep tillage, trenching, post hole digging, tile-laying, building and other earth-moving activities on the farm. Be aware of pipeline and utility safety issues and call 811 when needed.

The fact is, underneath much of America's farmland lies buried pipeline and utilities. These utilities may carry natural gas or oil, electricity, communication lines or water. Any one of these utilities struck during a farming operation can cause dangerous consequences for you, your family, tenants, hired hands, your neighbors, your community and the environment, possibly impacting your farm for years.

Make the free call to 811 to get your underground utilities marked every time before you dig. The following [digging myths and facts](#) are made available by Enbridge, Inc. through the [Pipeline Ag Safety Alliance](#).

Myth	Fact
811 is only for digging.	811 applies to all dirt-moving activities like deep tilling, ditching, soil ripping, installing drain tile or utilities. It also includes building fences, buildings, roads and berms.
I remember when the utilities were put in and I've called 811 before. I don't need to call again.	The depth of pipelines and other utilities can change over time. Please don't make risky assumptions—you don't want to be the neighbor who knocks out internet, cable or vital services.
I'm not required by state law to make a "one call," so I don't need to call 811.	You should always call 811. Like choosing to not text while driving, making a one call may not always be required by law, but it's always the safest option.
If I hit a pipeline and nothing happens, there's nothing to worry about.	Even if it appears the pipeline isn't damaged, always call the pipeline operator. Protective coating damage or even a small dent in the pipeline could cause a major problem in the future.
Calling 811 will hold up my work. I don't have time to call.	Calling 811 is fast. After you call, professional locators will be sent to the proposed excavation site within two to three business days.
Calling 811 costs money. I'm trying to run a successful business, and every dollar counts.	Calling 811 is free—the cost is paid by utility companies to protect you and your employees or tenants.
I'm not digging very deep. I don't want to bother anyone for a small project.	The depth of pipelines and other utilities can change over the years due to erosion, digging projects or uneven surfaces. You're not bothering us by calling 811. We'd rather you be safe than sorry.

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