



## Education Newsletter September 2019

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### The Marine Ticket



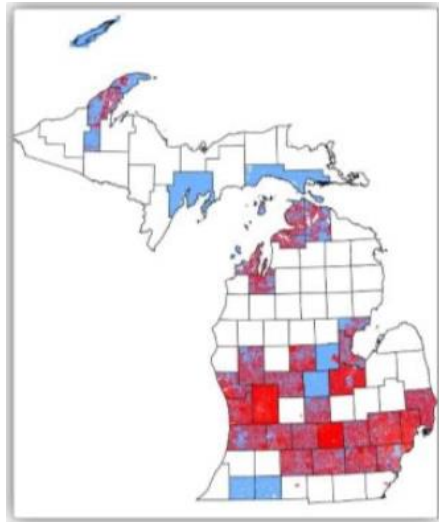
Michigan's 3,288 miles of freshwater coastline are the largest in the United States. It's coastlines are second only to the State of Alaska's saltwater coastline. Many pipelines and cables cross these bodies of water which includes rivers, streams, ponds, marshes, wetlands, inland lakes and of course the Great Lakes.

At MISS DIG 811 we have developed a Marine Ticket to help protect and keep underwater facilities that cross or lie in these bodies of water from damage and in return protect our environment and ecosystems. The Marine Ticket is designed to create a line of communication between the excavator, locator and the facility owner/operator. Through this continuous line of communication, the goal is damage protection of facilities and the protection of Michigan's aquatic ecosystems.

To place a Marine Ticket just call 811 and speak to one of our Notification System Representatives or you may place the Marine Ticket by being a Remote Ticket Entry Full Access Member.

For more information please contact MISS DIG 811's Education Department at [education@missdig811.org](mailto:education@missdig811.org)

## Parcel Data



Parcel Data is now available for some counties in Michigan. When the base maps are updated annually, available parcel data will also be included. The map shows the counties that have parcel data; red indicates that the parcel data includes addresses, whereas the blue indicates parcel outline only. Just less than 80% of the parcels contain the address with the parcel outline.

Parcel data is an added feature to the ticket entry screen to determine your precise job location when mapping a MISS DIG 811 locate request. Parcel data will aid in more accurate location information and will reduce locating workload. Remote Ticket Entry users can learn more by contacting Stephanie Boe in the RTE Department at [sboe@missdig811.org](mailto:sboe@missdig811.org)

# New!! - URL or Comment Required on Select Positive Responses



New URL codes. When coordination or correspondence between the facility owner/operator/locator and the excavator is necessary Positive Response will require comments or a URL by the member when posting a response. The positive response codes that are affected are 003, 005, 006, 009, 011. The comments will provide a record of who was contacted and when, contact information for the responsible locator, marking issues that prompted the selection, and any additional information.

## Sample Required Responses

003 **\*NOT COMPLETE\*** -None or some of the facilities have been marked, more time needed, coordination or assistance required to complete locating of facility.

**Sample 003:** Contacted John Miller at ABC electric company on Monday, May 3 at 10:00am. Mary Smith at Smith Locators 248-555-5555. Unable to locate lines. Need additional assistance from Consumers Energy.

005 **\*ON GOING COORDINATION\*** -On going mutual co-operation between facility owner/operator and excavator.

**Sample 005:** Contacted Barry Brown from Build a Highway Company on Monday, May 3 at 10:00am. Mary Smith Locators 248-555-5555. Large project that requires multiple days of location. Daily communication with Barry to continue marking highway.

006 **\*NOT MARKED\*** -No access to work area. Facility owner/operator could not get access to work area and requires coordination with excavator.

**Sample 006:** Contacted Jack Brown on Monday, May 3 at 10:00am. Mary Smith at Smith Locators 248-555-5555. Gate Locked. Unable to access property. Jack Brown out of town. Need to reschedule.

009 **\*ADDITIONAL LOCATING REQUIRED\*** -Facility owner/operator discovered field conditions require additional locating and will communicate with excavator on resolution of additional locating issues.

**Sample 009:** Contacted Jill White homeowner on Monday, May 3 at 10:00am. Mary Smith at Smith Locating 248-555-5555. Hazardous conditions on the property due to severe weather. Return to site when conditions change.

011 **\*NOT MARKED\*** EXCAVATOR CONTACTED FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION- Facility owner/operator reached out to the excavator as noted on the locate request and requires additional information to properly complete locate request. Excavator required to contact facility owner/operator.

**Sample 011:** Left message for Bill Murphy on Monday, May 3 at 10:00am. Mary Smith at Smith Locators 248-555-5555. Description of property does not match ticket. Waiting for return call.

**Green** -Dig with caution following PA 174 requirements

**Yellow** -Contact Facility owner/operator, then dig with caution following PA 174 requirements

**Red** -Do Not Dig

\*Codes with an asterisk requires the facility owner/operator or locator to provide additional information in the comments field or by providing a URL. The comment or URL is expected to include who was contacted and when, contact information for the locator, and the staking information that prompted the selection.

## SAFE DIGGING ADVOCATE AWARD

Nominate an individual or organization that has significantly served, improved, promoted or innovated the underground utility safety industry for the Annual Safe Digging Advocate Award.



Click on the trophy to place your nomination  
by 12-31-19

The winner will receive a trophy, MISS DIG 811 swag,  
& an all-expense paid trip for 2 to the  
**MISSDIG811** Annual Meeting being held at  
the Soaring Eagle Casino  
January 21-23, 2020!

**NOMINATE  
SOMEONE  
TODAY!**

# MISS DIG 811 Certification Training

You can request an instructor led MISS DIG 811 certification workshop by contacting the Education Department at [education@missdig811.org](mailto:education@missdig811.org). The MISS DIG 811 certification workshop can also be found online. If preferred online training click below. The MISS DIG 811 Certification and Field Basics Course have been Gold Shovel Standard approved. Please note the Field Basics Course is great for field workers and new employees. Complete your online training now by clicking below.



- A primary focus of this course lays out the requirements of Public Act 174, also known as the “MISS DIG LAW”. The course explains how to best interact with MISS DIG 811 to decrease the likelihood of facilities being damaged during excavation projects. It also provides practical, up-to-date knowledge of the tools which help navigate the process and bring about the most efficient, safe outcome possible.

## RTE Forums

RTE Forums provide RTE users the opportunity to discuss any MISS DIG 811 related topic of interest. They begin with a chosen topic each month, then the floor is open for any questions or comments.

Forums will be held on Tuesday, September 24th at 9am or Wednesday, September 25th at 1:30pm.

Topic of Discussion: Private Utility Locating Pilot Program in Oakland and Macomb counties, Positive Response Code Updates, Marine Request and Parcel data updates.

**RSVP:** Stephanie Boe at [sboe@missdig811.org](mailto:sboe@missdig811.org) with the class date you'll be attending. Log-in information will be emailed to you prior to the meeting.