



TO: Property Owners

FROM: Greater Chicago Damage Prevention Council (GCDPC)

SUBJECT: Identifying Buried Facilities Prior to Excavation

DATE: _____(MM/DD/YYYY)

1. Notice of Excavation Activity

Please be aware that excavation activity will occur in the vicinity of your property. If there are privately owned underground facilities associated with your property, please contact the excavator listed in section 4 to identify those facilities. Examples of privately owned facilities include, but are not limited to,

- Electric Facilities and Conduit
- Gas Facilities
- Steam and Mechanical Systems
- Underground Vaults
- Buried Sprinkler Systems
- Landscape Lighting
- Telecommunication Cables
- Security Systems

2. 811 Chicago and the One Call Service

[811 Chicago](#), a service of the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT), is the city of Chicago's *One-Call Service*. Per the Chicago Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Ordinance—Municipal Code of Chicago (MCC) [§ 10-21](#)—"every person who engages in...excavation or demolition [activity] shall...contact 811 Chicago" prior to breaking ground. 811 Chicago records the excavation information on a *dig ticket* and notifies utility owners within the area of the excavation to mark with paint the location of their facility prior to the date and time listed on the dig ticket. The excavator cannot break prior to the date and time on the dig ticket. The excavator working within the vicinity of your property will have received a dig ticket from 811 Chicago prior to starting work. Public users can look up dig tickets on the 811 Chicago website (<https://ipi.cityofchicago.org/Digger>).

MCC § 10-21 further states that "every person that owns or operates an underground facility located in the City of Chicago must become a member of 811 Chicago by January 1, 2017." 811 Chicago will only notify those utility owners which are a member of impending excavation activity. If you own or manage a buried a facility and are not a member of 811 Chicago, please contact the excavator below to identify your facility. Please also consider joining 811 Chicago.

3. Why Participation is Critical

Nationwide, excavation around unmarked facilities is the most common cause of utility damage. Utility damage may result in unnecessary outages and costly repair. More importantly, utility damages pose safety



risk to those who work and live near the facility. Finally, participation in 811 Chicago, whether as an excavator or a utility owner, is required by law. Violation of the law may result in sanctions including a civil penalty up to \$10,000. The [Greater Chicago Damage Prevention Council](#) (GCDPC) is a nonprofit organization that provides members a forum to share ideas in order to minimize damages to underground facilities. Members include representatives from facility owners and operators, the City of Chicago, excavators, State government, excavators, locators, and others interested in protection of underground facilities.

4. How to Participate

If you received this flyer and you own or manage a privately owned facility, please contact the individual below to identify that facility. If you have question about 811 Chicago or your requirements to participate, please call “811” (within Chicago city limits), or (312) 744-7000 (outside the City).

Excavator Company Name:

Contact Name:

Contact Number:

CDOT Permit (if applicable):

Dig Ticket:

Excavation Date/Time:
