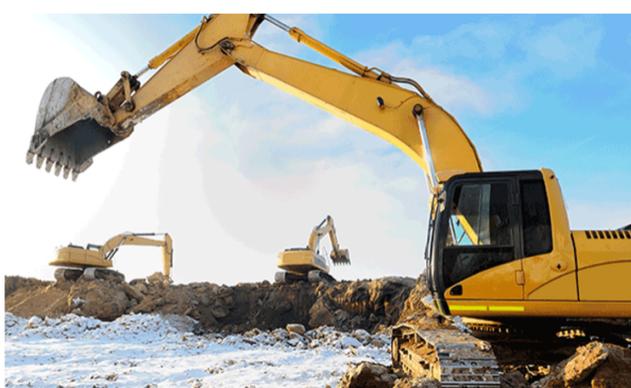




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WHEN TO MAKE THAT CALL

There is a just enough light snow falling to cover up some much-needed marks placed by facility owners in response to a notification to JULIE. So what is an excavator's responsibility when the marks are covered by snow, destroyed by another excavator or just plain messed up by someone or something outside of the excavator's control?



According to [Dave Van Wy, JULIE's Northern Illinois Damage Prevention Manager](#), you need to be on-site to determine what, if any, factors have obliterated the marks. Do not rely on your client to relay information about marks. They may not understand what may or may not need to be marked on that site based on your request through JULIE. Second, if it's obvious that marks had been placed but are no longer clear enough for you to work safely, you need to call back to JULIE and make a Re-mark request.

[The Act](#) states, in part, "Re-mark request means a notice initiated by an excavator because facility markings are becoming or have become indistinguishable due to factors, including, but not limited to, weather, fading, construction activity, or vandalism." The facility owners have an additional 48 hours to respond and mark their facilities after receiving the Re-mark request and you should only ask for those areas where work is to continue to be re-marked.

What should not happen in this scenario is to call in a No-Show request. The locate staff is required to respond within two hours to a No-show request. This can put a burden on the finite resources of people and time and prevent them from providing a timely response to another locate request on the system. As a reminder, JULIE personnel do not mark or locate any underground facilities.

Moving to Section 10 of the Act, which states, in part, "All persons subject to the requirements of this Act shall plan and conduct their work consistent with reasonable business practices" and continues "It is unreasonable to request owners and operators of underground utility facilities to locate all of their facilities in an affected area upon short notice in advance of a large or extensive nonemergency project, or to request extensive locates in excess of a reasonable excavation or demolition work schedule, or to request locates under conditions where a repeat request is likely to be made because of the passage of time or adverse job conditions."

In other words, if conditions would prevent you from having a crew working, the facility locators probably cannot work well in those conditions either and you may want to delay your request until conditions improve. This language also points out that asking for marks well beyond the area where work is to take place in the short term may not be reasonable and would require multiple requests to have those areas further out in the schedule unnecessarily re-marked. By asking for what we need in the short term instead of what we want for the long term, it allows for a more efficient system for all involved in the process." [For questions about the one-call process or to schedule a safety presentation, contact one of JULIE's Damage Prevention Managers.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Remote Ticket Entry (RTE) Webinars

March 13 and 27
No cost.
[Register or learn more.](#)

Contractor Safety Meetings

Now through March 21
No cost.
[See dates and locations.](#)

Chicago Flower and Garden Show

March 20-24
Navy Pier
[Learn more and enter JULIE19 for discount tickets.](#)

IT'S THE LAW

JULIE recently submitted amendatory language to the Damage Prevention Act in Springfield. [Click here to check the status, review updated resources and learn more about Senate Bill 1570.](#)

More than 2,000 excavators have already learned about these proposed changes at no cost breakfast meetings held over the past six weeks. [Review the upcoming schedule and registration process here.](#)

EXPLORE SELF SERVICE OPTIONS

As many companies start gearing up for the spring, JULIE encourages excavators to learn more about the benefits of our self-service, online programs, including [Remote Ticket Entry \(RTE\)](#) and [E-Request](#). [Register for an upcoming, no cost RTE Webinar](#) or contact our RTE Support Group at 815-741-5011. For a single address excavation, [E-Request](#) is a popular option with no training required.

JULIE PARTNERS WITH LWSC

[The Latino Worker Resource Center](#) (LWSC) has teamed with JULIE to provide free OSHA Compliant Hazard Awareness Training Certificate classes. The LWRC is a multilingual OSHA compliance and safety training center helping companies meet the Department of Labor's OSHA Standards requiring that workers be trained in a language they understand.

The following certificate classes are conducted throughout the week at various locations:

- Excavation Safety
- Hazard Communication
- Silica Hazard Awareness
- Respiratory Protection

[See the class calendar](#) or call the LWRC staff at 888-595-5972 to sign up for training or to request training at your location.

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GET READY FOR SPRING

The Illinois One-Call System will educate homeowners about how to prepare safely for spring when it joins the [Chicago Flower and Garden Show](#), March 20-24, at Navy Pier. While you are looking for new ideas and concepts, be sure to stop by the [Kids' Activity Garden](#) presented by JULIE. Staff will also be available at our booth in the Marketplace. For a limited time, purchase tickets in advance and receive a special discount by using the promotion code JULIE19 (all caps, no spaces) when ordering tickets.

April is Safe Digging Month

We need your help to share the "Call JULIE Before You Dig" message during Safe Digging Month in April. This is an excellent opportunity to promote safety and post "We Support JULIE. Call 811.", "Call JULIE Before You Dig." and "April is Safe Digging Month." messages on your Web site and via social media. Please tag us @JULIE1Call. [Check out our Safe Digging Month Toolkit](#) for other ideas along with free materials including posters and homeowner guides.

