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THIS IS THE WAY

After experiencing the highest locate request volume in the history of our not-for-profit organization in 2021, JULIE encourages contractors to consider self-service options. When asked about their experiences using <u>Remote Ticket Entry (RTE)</u>, contractors highlight several benefits including no on-hold time waiting for a call center agent during peak periods, 24/7 access to the full ticket with map, the helpful "lookup" feature and ease of use. <u>Click here for additional benefits</u>.

Enter An Online Request Now

UPCOMING EVENTS

Remote Ticket Entry (RTE) Webinars •March 16 - 1:30P •March 30 - 9A <u>Register and learn more</u>.

Nearly 67% of locate requests are now entered directly into our system by excavators utilizing one of our online tools on an annual basis. With another busy dig season around the corner, <u>register for an upcoming, no cost RTE webinar</u> or contact our RTE Support Team at 815-741-5011. If you are a current user and need a refresher course, register and take advantage of these training opportunities.

In addition to RTE, we have two other popular self-service options for excavators looking to save time this spring: <u>Remark-Extend-View (REV)</u> and <u>E-Request</u>. E-Request is designed for a single site, non-emergency locate request. Both require no training and can be accessed 24/7.



NEW RESOURCE OFFERS MANY

BENEFITS

Since its launch earlier this year, we have received rave reviews from members and contractors about our new web-based and mobilefriendly <u>Excavation Safety Resource</u>. This helpful resource contains more information than previously available in the excavator handbook with several additional benefits including updates that can be made at any time, a Spanish language version and 24/7 availability and searchable content. We encourage you to save the resource to the home screen on your smartphone for easy access.

We also added a new feature to our website, <u>www.JULIEbeforeyoudig.com</u>. Simply click translate (located in the lower, left hand corner) when you go to the site for a Spanish language version. <u>Click here for frequently asked</u> <u>questions</u>.

WORKING TOWARD A COMMON GOAL

Damage prevention is a shared responsibility. <u>JULIE's Damage Prevention Managers</u> are available to assist you with the planning of projects and to mediate discussions to help you avoid potential injuries and costly delays. On-site and online safety training programs are available for your crews. In addition, <u>click here for contact information for locating issues and emergencies</u> for several member companies.

The Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) is responsible for violations of the <u>Illinois Underground</u> <u>Utility Facilities Damage Prevention Act</u>. It receives violation reports, determines if a violation occurred and assesses penalties with maximums ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 per violation. <u>Learn</u> <u>more about the process</u>.



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