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Removal of Flags Upon Completion of Work

MDPB Best Practice

As other contractors may have requested utility locates for projects nearby, when excavation is complete and prior to removing MISS DIG flags from the work site, the last contractor onsite to complete their work shall remove any flags that have been left.

If there are no other MISS DIG 811 tickets in the vicinity affected by the removal, pull the flags that have been placed for your staking request.

Method

Check the Public Dashboard on the MISS DIG website or mobile app, otherwise a call should be made to MISS DIG 811 for a representative to confirm.

PA174 Reference

Section 11 (1) A person who engages in any of the following conduct is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year or a fine of not more than \$5,000.00, or both:

(c) Willfully removes or otherwise destroys stakes or other physical markings used to mark the approximate location of underground facilities unless that removal or destruction occurs after the excavation or blasting is completed or as an expected consequence of the excavation or blasting activity.

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Discussion

Use of Public Dashboard: The excavator or property owner may use it as a reference to look for other active tickets within the same scope. Excavators will

remove the flags upon completion of their work and/or receiving confirmation from MISS DIG. If flags are not removed by excavators, property owners may do so if flags have been present for 21 days or more or permitted by MISS DIG.

References

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