

Policies of the Office of the Underground Damage Prevention Safety Program of Colorado Springs, Colorado (City Program)

1. Non-Destructive Means On Edges: When a person excavates within eighteen inches (18") horizontally from the exterior edges of any marked underground facility, the person shall use non-destructive means of excavation, such as soft digging to identify underground facilities and shall otherwise exercise reasonable care to protect any underground facility in or near the excavation area. In the exercise of reasonable care, a person may use mechanized equipment in the event the person encounters rocky, frozen, or hard ground making soft digging impossible, or the depth or extent of the excavation makes the use of hand tools or soft digging methods unreasonable, in the reasonable judgment of that person. If a person does elect to use mechanized equipment, they must conduct the excavation in a careful, prudent, and nondestructive manner, and a spotter is required to visually monitor the excavation activity for any indication of the underground facility. The marked utility must be potholed to visually confirm the depth of the utility and limit the approach with mechanized equipment to no more than 18" above the utility before utilizing soft excavation means.
2. 1000' Limit: When a person requests a locate through Colorado 811, that person can request no more than 1000 linear feet of area to be located on a single request per business day, per job. For example, if a person needs 3000 linear feet located, the person may schedule these requests over three business days.
3. Upon the absence of the City Program Manager, the Regulatory and Compliance Specialist Sr. in the Regulatory and Compliance Department will assume the duties of the City Program Manager for the pendency of the absence.