

# TOOLBOX TALKS

## White Lining or Premarking

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Presenter Name \_\_\_\_\_

Job Site/Project \_\_\_\_\_

### Instructions to Presenter

The following training bulletin covers the proper method for delineating the area of proposed excavation. The diagrams illustrating premarking techniques can be printed and distributed to attendees. Alternatively, you can draw them on a blackboard or demonstrated with paint on the ground.

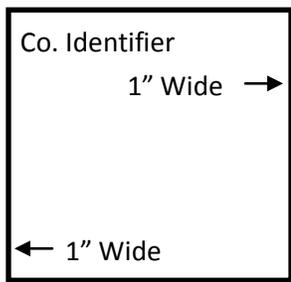
Premarking the area of excavation ensures the correct area is marked by locators, saves facility owners time allowing them to provide faster and better service, and saves the excavator money in the long run. Most importantly premarking is required by law in Vermont. These guidelines should be followed when premarking an excavation area:

- Premarking should be completed **BEFORE** notifying Dig Safe of your excavation project.
- The excavation area should be defined using only white marking products such as paint, flags, stakes, whiskers or combination. Fluorescent pink is recommended for snow covered areas.
- Premark the proposed area of excavation using a continuous solid line, dots marking a radius or arc, dashes marking the four corners of a project, or dashes outlining the excavation project. All marks should be at least 1" in width and spaced close enough together to be seen by utility locators.
- Include your company name or initials in the marked excavation area. If the excavation area is larger than 50' in radius initials should be placed in each corner of the excavation area.
- If the excavation site is contained within a 50' radius or less a single stake positioned at the center of the proposed excavation area can be used for premarking. The stake should be white and contain the following information: excavator's name, abbreviation, or initials, and the radius of the excavation site in black letters or on a note attached to the stake. If this method of premarking is chosen, you must tell the Dig Safe representative that you have marked the excavation site with a single stake.

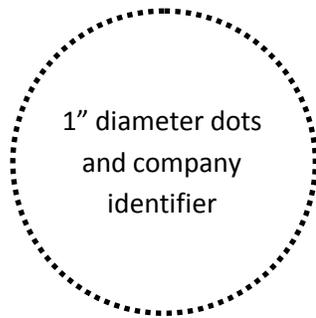


# Guidelines for Marking Proposed Excavations

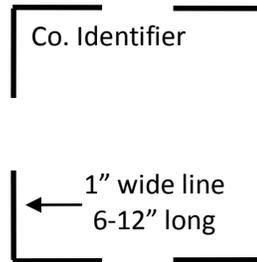
## Single Point Excavation Markings



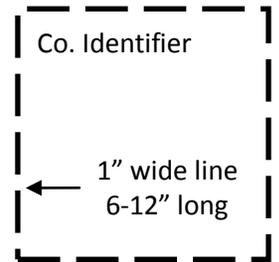
Full Line



Radius or Arc

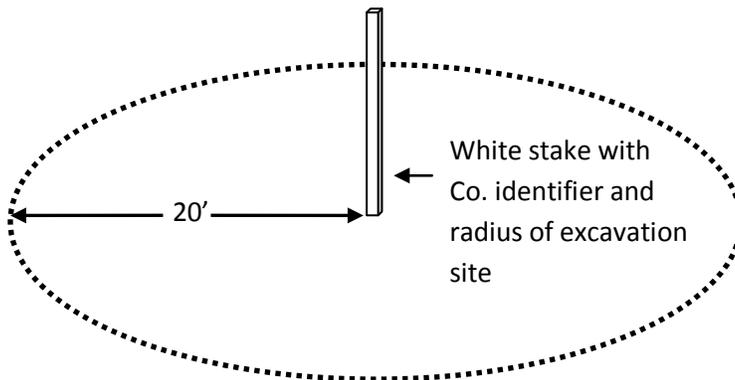


Four Corners



Dash Line

## Using a Single Stake to Mark the Center Point of Excavation Site



## Trenching, Boring, or Other Continuous Type Excavations

