



Area of Continual Excavation Ticket: Requirements for Farmers and Flood Control

Who is it available to?

Farmers, Growers, and special Flood Control operators.

Its the Law!

Any dig work involved moving soil, which includes agricultural activities, requires property owners to “call before you dig” to identify underground infrastructure.

Benefits?

Via the ACE, farmers and growers can now open a dig ticket for one year instead of the standard 28 days and it benefits you AND your subcontractors. Plus MORE!



HOW TO REQUEST A TICKET

Visit the appropriate one-call center online or Call 811: either the standard 28-day Ticket or a year-long Area of Continual Excavation (ACE) Ticket. Must provide:

- Size
- Location of facility, if known
- Type of work to be done
- Workers authorized to perform work, including any subcontractors.

ACE TICKET:

- Can be requested any time of year convenient for the farmer or flood control agency and **is valid for one year** from date of issuance
- Is an alternative to the standard 28-day ticket, and is not required.

28-DAY TICKET:

- Must be requested at least **two days** prior to excavation, not including the day of the request
- Must be renewed within 28 days if work continues.

DELINEATE, LOCATE, AND MARK

Delineate the area IN WHITE using methods such as paint, flags, flour, white buckets, or sand bags. Information must be included on ticket so the utility locator knows what to look for.

ACE AGREEMENT FORM CHECKLIST

You must include the following information:

- Ticket number generated by the one-call center, date, time, location of onsite meeting, and contact information for authorized representative.
- A description of all excavation activities to be performed within the area of continual excavation, including: method, tools and equipment, depth of excavation, and use of any subcontractors.
- Signatures from authorized representatives.





ONSITE MEETINGS

Onsite meetings must take place if area of continual excavation is within 10-feet of a high priority facility:

- You can request an onsite meeting if the facility is more than 10-feet from the area of continual excavation, but it is not required.
- Onsite meetings for non-high priority facilities like telecommunications can be requested if the facility is located in the area of continual excavation, but it is not required.

Meeting Requirements:

- Meeting must take place on the parcel of real property where facility is present.
- Must be held at a mutually agreed upon date and time that does not unreasonably disrupt business operations.
- Must be attended by an authorized representative of the farm or flood control agency who meets the following requirements:
 - Knowledgeable about excavation that will occur.*
 - Prepared with all relevant info concerning excavation that will occur.*
 - Have authority to develop & agree to an area of continual excavation plan.*
- Must include discussion about the location of the facility.
 - Authorized representative must be aware of the exact location of facility.*
- Meeting must include discussion of ACE plan and signing of agreement form.

RENEWING A TICKET

- Must renew ACE ticket ANNUALLY or a standard ticket every 28-Days
- Must set up onsite meeting with operator to renew or develop new Area of Continual Excavation Plan and Agreement
- Can continue excavation for 30 days after renewing ticket, while setting up onsite meeting

OTHER NOTES

- Must notify operator of unexpected occurrences or excavation activities that may be in conflict with the facility.
 - If the excavation activity is outside the purview of the ACE Agreement, must call and request a new ticket from the one-call center.
- In the event of damage to the utility, must call and notify the one-call center.
- Must communicate the terms and conditions of the ACE Agreement to anyone excavating within the area of continual excavation.
- Only applies to flood control facilities that are engineered basins operated by a state or local agency used for the temporary slowing and storing of storm water runoff and for which regular removal of debris is required.

