

# He was just doing his job...









## When you enforce the law, we can begin preventing accidents like this.

The time to find underground utility lines is before you dig. The Underground Facility Damage Prevention and Safety Act, Chapter 556, Florida Statutes, requires excavators to get those lines located by contacting Sunshine 811 two full business days before digging. For more information or to get contact information for the damage prevention liaison nearest you, please visit the Education page at [sunshine811.com](http://sunshine811.com).

### What do the marks mean?

Utilities are marked with flags and paint in these colors.

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|  Electric |  Communications  |  Potable water |
|  Gas      |  Reclaimed water |  Sewer         |

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[sunshine811.com](http://sunshine811.com)

# 1-800-CAREFUL (227-3385)

Call Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., to find out if the ticket is valid.



## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- When someone is digging and you don't see utility marks (see photos at left), check for a valid locate ticket.
- Find out if a ticket is valid by calling 1-800-227-3385.
- Citation is \$500. (\$400 stays in your local jurisdiction.)
- Order citations from our enforcement page at [sunshine811.com](http://sunshine811.com).



## COMMON EXEMPTIONS

- Homeowners unless they are digging in an easement or right of way.
- Utility or its agent digging on homeowner property up to 10 inches.
- Utility using hand tools to locate, repair, connect, protect or maintain lines, or extend utilities onto a property, up to a 30-inch depth when permanently marked utilities are in the right of way.

This card gives information on common violations and exemptions for Chapter 556, F.S. Find complete details on the Enforcement page at [sunshine811.com](http://sunshine811.com).

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## UNDERGROUND FACILITY CITATION VIOLATIONS

THE AFOREMENTIONED COMPANY DID UNLAWFULLY COMMIT THE FOLLOWING INFRACTION (select only one infraction for each citation)

- s.556.105(1),F.S.: No proper notice of proposed excavation.
- s.556.105(5)(a)(b),F.S.: Operator failure to mark underground facility.
- s.556.105(6),F.S.: Excavation premature without marks or clearance.
- s.556.105(11),F.S.: Failure to stop digging when re-marking required.
- s.556.105(12),F.S.: Failure to stop digging when facility hit or damaged.
- s.556.109(2),F.S.: False notification of emergency.
- s.556.114(1-4),F.S.: Failure to follow low-impact marking practices.

The excavator must be able to provide a valid ticket number. A valid locate ticket:

- Less than 30 calendar days old.
- Physical address and county match dig site address.
- Names the person or company performing the work.

Digging should not begin before the ticket due date. The excavator can dig earlier if all utilities have marked or cleared the site.

If the ticket is valid but no marks are present, excavators are required to request a new ticket so new marks can be placed.