

State Law Reference Guide

| State Law Requirements | Massachusetts | Maine | New Hampshire | Rhode Island | Vermont |
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| Who is required to provide notification? | All excavators | All excavators | All excavators | All excavators | All excavators |
| What areas require notification? | Public ways and private property | Public ways and private property | Within 100 feet of underground utilities | Within 100 feet of underground utilities | Within 100 feet of underground utilities |
| Who is required to join the Dig Safe System? | Gas, Electric, Telephone, Cable TV and Private Water Companies | Gas, Electric, Telephone, and Cable TV | Gas, Electric, Telephone, Cable TV and Public Water Companies | Gas, Electric, Telephone and Public Water Companies | Gas, Electric, Telephone, and Cable TV |
| Notification time requirements * | | | | | |
| Minimum | 72 hours (not including weekends and holidays) | 72 hours (not including weekends and holidays) | 72 hours (not including weekends and holidays) | 48 hours (not including weekends and holidays) | 48 hours (not including weekends and holidays) |
| Maximum | 30 days | 30 days | 30 days | 30 days | 30 days |

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| Emergencies | ASAP | ASAP | ASAP | ASAP | ASAP |
| Response Time by Utilities | 72 hours | 72 hours | 72 hours | 48 hours | 48 hours |
| Notification for unanticipated blasting after initial notification | 4 hours | 4 hours | ***** | 4 hours | ***** |
| Remark Notification | 24 hours | 24 hours | ***** | 24 hours | 48 hours |
| <u>Violation Penalties</u> first offense subsequent offense | \$500 \$1000 to \$5000 | Up to \$500 Up to \$5000 | \$500 Up to \$5000 | \$200 \$500 to \$1000 | Up to \$1000 Up to \$1000 |
| Premarking requirement | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes |

* The excavator is responsible for maintaining designated markings