

# **Quick-Ticket Guidelines**

# **Welcome to Online Ticket Entry!**

Quick-Ticket is a free program allows you the convenience of applying for Dig Safe tickets using our PC without the aid of a Customer Service Representative. Quick-Ticket offers immediate processing, it is available 24/7, and allows you to print a confirmation of your ticket for easy record keeping.

### Important:

- You must disable your pop up blocker for the mapping screen to load successfully.
- As with any new program, you must understand the system before becoming proficient at Quick-Ticket entry.
- Please read these guidelines before attempting to enter your first Dig Safe permit online.
- These step-by-step instructions guide you through each data field, saving you time and hassles later on.

# Things to Know Before Starting

1. You must disable pop-up blockers for the mapping screen to load successfully.

# 2. Quick-Ticket <u>Does Not accept</u>

- Work that extends beyond 1320' (one quarter mile) from the street address, intersection or lat/long coordinates given. If the work is beyond 1320', you must apply for the ticket by phone at 888-DIG-SAFE, so that a Customer Service Representative may draw out the parameters of your work accordingly. See "Buffer" on page 15.
- New Streets, Developments, Sub-divisions and Condo Complexes Contact us at 811 for locations that are not reflected on our digital map. Our Customer Service Representative must draw out these types of locations to notify the appropriate utilities.
- **Emergency Tickets** Quick-Ticket only accepts scheduled excavation notices. You must call **811** to request an Emergency Dig Safe permit.
- Blasting and 'State Permit Only' tickets- Quick-Ticket only process standard excavation permits.

# 3. New Google Map Feature

Quick-Ticket now includes a new map feature that allows you to see the area that you enter into the system.

After you enter the location information, a pink highlighted area appears on the map. This pink area represents where our system searches for member utility companies to notify for your markout.

Please understand that these highlighted areas are for Dig Safe's purposes only. It is a tool that enables us to identify the utility companies that need to be notified.

Your dig location must be located within the pink area. However, you must still describe the scope of your job with your written description on the ticket, and with your premarks at the job site.

#### 4. Incorrect Address or Location

- If you process a ticket with incorrect information, please contact the center at **811** right away. The ticket must be cancelled before you process a new one.
- Dig Safe reserves the right to revoke a Quick-Ticket password if a user repeatedly enters tickets with missing or inaccurate information.

# 5. Live Support

• If you're having trouble, we're here to help. For live support, call 877-DIG-SAFE Monday through Friday between 6:00 am and 6:00 pm.

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# **Step by Step Instructions for Quick-Ticket Entry**

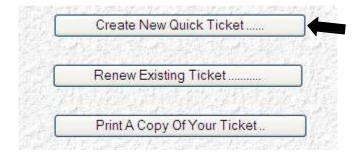
# 1. Log On:

• Go to digsafe.com, click on Quick-Ticket, and then choose <u>User Login.</u>



# 2. Choose Function:

On the Online Options Menu, choose Create New Quick-Ticket.



# 3. Enter Password:

• If you don't have a Quick-Ticket password, apply now. From the Quick-Ticket menu, choose Sign Up.



- Enter your Quick-Ticket password, and click Verify.
- Your password is upper and lower case sensitive.
- After you verify your password, the Quick-Ticket entry screen appears.



### 4. Caller/Contractor Details:

- Getting tickets is easier when you use your contractor ID number. If you don't have one, apply now at digsafe.com, and click on Contractor ID Number. Or, apply by phone by calling 811.
- Enter your contractor ID number in the appropriate field, then tab to the next field. If
  you prefer not to have a Dig Safe contractor ID number, you must manually fill in the
  fields under the heading Caller/Contractor Details.
- Manually enter in the information in any blank fields.

	55555	Title	TESTING SYSTEM
Caller Name	MAPPING SYSTEM	Fax	781-721-0047
Phone	781-721-0990	Return Call	8-4
Alt. Phone			
Email Address	BFINELLI@DIGSAFE.COM	William Schaller of The School	
Contractor Name	DIG SAFE TESTING MAI	PPING SYSTEM	
Address	331 MONTVALE AVE		
City	WOBURN	State MA	Zip 01801
Contractor Type	CONTRACTOR		

- 5. Click Launch mapping module. This will initiate the Location Details screen.
  - Mouse click to advance to each field.
  - All items in red are required fields.

# 6. State/Municipality:

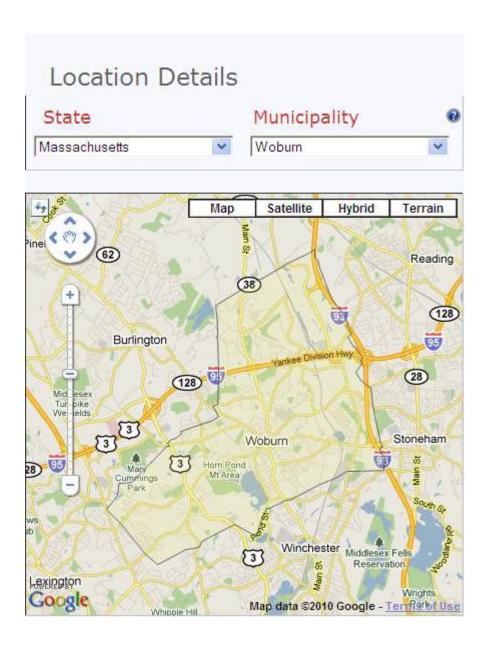
• Click on the scroll arrow to choose the **state** where you plan to work.



• Click on the scroll arrow to choose the **municipality** where you plan to work.



- The city or town or city is now displayed on the digital map.
- Example here is Woburn, Massachusetts.



### 7. Latitude/Longitude (optional)

It is easy to apply for Dig Safe permits using latitude and longitude coordinates. You may capture this information by using one of the many free online map programs now available (i.e. Google maps, Yahoo maps).

Many modern devices also provide coordinates, such as mobile phones, digital watches, vehicle navigation systems, and hunting and fishing equipment.

- If you do not have lat/long coordinates, leave these fields blank and advance to the Address/Intersection field.
- You are covered for one specific location when using lat/long, unless you expand the location using the buffer tool. See "Buffer" on page 15.

Occupy both latitude and longitude fields using one of the two acceptable formats:

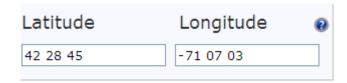
# a. True Decimal Degrees:

Enter the first two digits, then a decimal point, then enter up to seven digits.

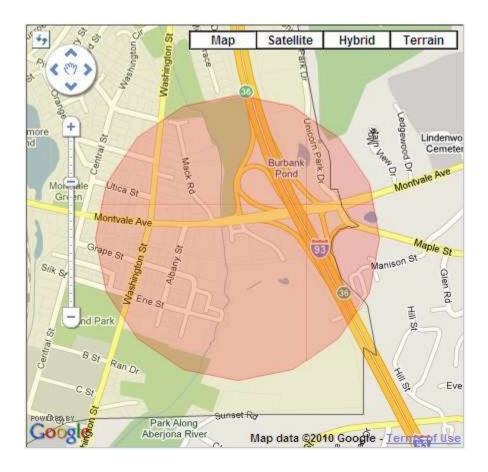


### b. Degrees, Minutes, Seconds (DMS):

• Enter two digits, then hit the space bar. Enter another two digits, followed by another space. Enter the last two digits.



- Click to the next field.
- After you enter the X/Y coordinates, a pink highlighted area appears on the map.
   This pink area represents where our system searches for member utility companies to notify for your markout.
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  describe the scope of your job with your written description on the ticket, and with
  your premarks at the job site.



 After entering lat/long coordinates in appropriate fields, click to the Address/Intersection field.

#### 7. Address/Intersection:

- Interstate route numbers are entered as: I 95, I 495
- State Highway route numbers are entered as: State Hwy 20, State Hwy 62
- The system may not recognize new streets and subdivisions. You must call 888-DIG-SAFE or 811for locations that are not reflected on the digital map. A Customer Service Representative must draw out newly developed areas on the map in order to notify the appropriate utilities.

### The Address/Intersection field DOES NOT RECOGNIZE:

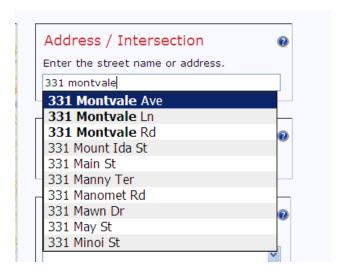
- Place names (i.e. McDonald's, Chevrolet Dealership, Public Library)
- Numbers for poles, mile markers, pedestals, transformers, manholes
- Exit numbers and lot numbers

This type of descriptive information in encouraged, as it helps the utility locators in the field find your job site. However, it must be entered in the **Additional Information** field.

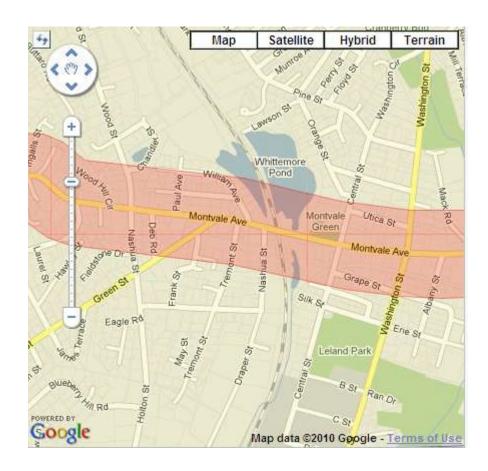
If you can't provide a physical address, intersection, or latitude longitude coordinates, please apply by phone by calling 811.

# **Recommended Methods to Describe a Dig Location:**

- a. **Address:** (i.e. 331 Montvale Ave)
  - As you type the address, a drop-down menu appears. Point and click to the correct address, or type it in manually.



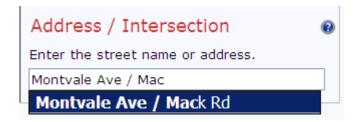
Click to the next field.



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  describe the scope of your job with your written description on the ticket, and with
  your premarks at the job site.

#### b. Intersection

When entering an intersection in the **Address/Intersection** field, the two street names must be separated with a forward slash (/).



- As you enter the intersection, a drop-down menu appears. Point and click to the correct intersection, or type it in manually.
- Do not enter more than two streets when describing an intersection.



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  premarks at the job site.

- c. Starting at an intersection and proceeding down either street:
  - First enter the name of the street you will proceed down in the Address/Intersection field.



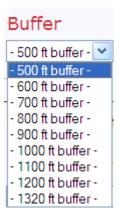
 Then, use the Additional Information field to establish the limits of the excavation area:



• If you plan to work down either street from the intersection, you must apply for two separate tickets- one for each street.

### 8. Buffer:

• Select the furthest point, in feet, that you plan to dig from the center line of the street, intersection, or latitude/longitude coordinates you entered.



- If no buffer distance is selected, the system defaults to 500', and notifies the member utilities companies who have underground facilities within 500' in the pink area.
  - This highlighted area is for Dig Safe's purposes only. It is a tool that enables us to identify the utility companies that need to be notified.
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#### 9. Cross Streets:

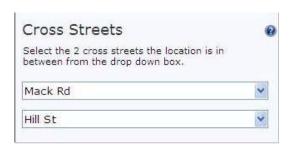
Our goal is to filter out unnecessary notifications to member companies who don't have underground facilities where you plan to dig. We want to notify only those who need to respond and mark out.

Providing the two cross streets allows our system to alert only the companies who have underground lines in that segment of the road, rather than the entire length of the road.

Project management is easier with fewer companies notified, because it won't be necessary to check for the response of utilities that don't have anything in the area to mark.

And, our improved cross-street screening system may save a trip for the utility locators.

 Point and click to the two street names that the jobsite is located between. Or, type them in manually.



- If two cross streets are chosen, the system notifies the member utilities that have underground facilities between the two streets.
- If no cross streets- or only one cross street- is chosen, the system notifies the utilities that have underground facilities anywhere on the entire length of the street.

Example: 331 Montvale Ave in Woburn, Massachusetts

#### Without two cross streets



# With two cross streets



#### 10. Additional Information:

Please provide as much information as possible to help the utility locators find where you intend to work.

# Examples:

- Place names (Beth Israel Hospital, Gulf gas Station, the town common)
- Exit and mile marker numbers on highways
- Manholes, poles, pedestals, or transformer numbers
- Lot numbers
- Distance and direction from a landmark

#### 11. Nature of Work:

Please be specific. Do not enter Trenching, Excavating, or Drilling. Why are you trenching, excavating or drilling? To do what? (ie. Trenching for new electric line, excavating to remove containinated soil, drilling for monitoring well installation..)

## Other examples:

- Install new pole (not 'pole')
- Replace water main (not 'water main')
- Foundation for house addition (not 'foundation')



### 12. Area of Work:

Describe the specific area at the jobsite.

# Examples:

- From street to house
- Center of the street
- Sidewalk area
- Entire width of street
- Back yard on private property

Area of Work (i.e. st to house, in the st, priv prop)

in the street and sidewalks on both sides of the road

#### 13. Area Premarked:

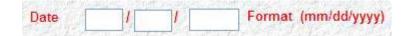
Premarking is required by law. Please enter Y for "yes" or N for "no."



### 14. Start Date/Time:

#### Start Date:

- For tickets in Vermont, enter the start date for 48 hours in advance, excluding weekends and legal holidays.
- For tickets in Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island, enter the start date for 72 hours in advance, excluding weekends and legal holidays.
- Enter the start date in the fields using the format shown here:



• Weekends and holidays do not count toward your start date.

# **Observed Legal Holidays**

- NEW YEAR'S DAY
- MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
- PRESIDENT'S DAY
- PATRIOT'S DAY (MA & ME ONLY)
- MEMORIAL DAY
- INDEPENDENCE DAY (ON EVEN YEARS)
- VICTORY DAY (RI ONLY)
- LABOR DAY
- COLUMBUS DAY
- ELECTION DAY (NH ONLY)
- VETERAN'S DAY
- THANKSGIVING DAY
- CHRISTMAS DAY

#### Start Time:

- Quick-Ticket recognizes only military time.
- Time must be entered as FOUR digits; two digits for the hour, two for the minutes.

## For Example:

- 8:00 am = 08:00
- 1:30 pm = 13:30
- 3:45 pm = 15:45



• Quick-Ticket uses an internal, real-time clock. If the actual time is 14:06 (2:06 pm), it will reject an entered start time of 14:00 (2:00 pm). Advance to the next 15-minute increment of time for the ticket to be processed - 14:15 (2:15 pm)

# Start Date & Time Examples:

When you apply during Dig Safe's operational hours- 6:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday-Friday:

Enter a start date that is 72 hours in advance (excluding weekends and holidays) from the time you apply.

#### For Example:

- The location is in Vermont, and it is 4:00 pm. The start date is the following Tuesday at 4:00 pm (48 hours)
- The location is in Massachusetts, and it is 7:00 am. The start date is the following Wednesday at 7:00 am (72 hours)

When you apply during off hours- 6:00 pm to 6:00 am Monday-Friday; weekends; holidays:

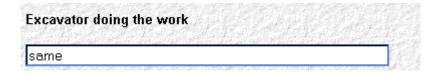
Calculate the start date and time as if you were applying first thing the next business day.

#### For Example:

- The location is in Rhode Island, and it's after 6:00 pm. Calculate the start date as if you are applying first thing Monday morning at 6:00 am. (72 hours)
- The location is Vermont, and it is Saturday. Calculate the start date as if you are applying first thing Monday morning at 6:00 am (48 hours)

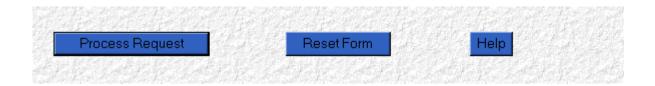
# 15. Excavator Doing Work:

• Enter the name of the company doing the excavation, or enter the word "Same" if your company is doing the work.



# 16. Process Request:

- Click on the **Process Request** button.
- To reset the form, click on the **Reset Form** button.
- For additional help, click on the Help button.



# 17. Confirmation

When the information is entered properly, you receive a confirmation that you should print and leave at the jobsite and at the office.

Request N	Request Number: 20103206047 Date 08/04/2010 Time 11:04						
Latitude: Longitude:							
State: MAS	State: MASSACHUSETTS Municipality: WOBURN						
Address /	Address / Intersection: 331 MONTVALE AVE						
Nearest Cross Street 1: MACK RD Nearest Cross Street 2: HILL ST							
Additional Information: THIS IS A TEST TICKET. TESTING THE NEW ONLINE SYSTEM. DO NOT							
RESPOND	TO THIS JOBSITE TO MA	RK! TEST TICKET!					
Nature Of \	Work: TEST TICKET / DO	NOT RESPOND TO MARK					
Area Of Wo	Area Of Work: SEE CANCELLATION NOTICE FOR THIS TICKET						
Area Is Pre	emarked: Y Start Date: 08	8/09/2010 Start Time: 11:15					
Caller: MA	PPING SYSTEM Title: TE	STING SYSTEM Return Call: 8-4					
Phone#: 7	81-721-0990 Fax#: 781-72	21-0047 Alt. Phone#:					
Email Add	ress: BFINELLI@DIGSAFE	E.COM					
Contractor: DIG SAFE TESTING MAPPING SYSTEM							
Address: 3	Address: 331 MONTVALE AVE City: WOBURN State: MA Zip: 01801						
Excavator	Excavator Doing Work: SAME						
	Member Utility List						
Code	Abbreviation	Name					
NJ	VERIZN	VERIZON					
SB	NSTREL	NSTAR ELECTRIC					
sc	NGRDGS	NATIONAL GRID GAS-BOSTON					
TV	COMCAS	COMCAST					
ON	ONTARG	ON TARGET LOCATING					
RJ	RJ IDM INNOVATIVE DATA MANAGEMENT						

- There may be non-member utilities in the area that you need to notify.
- Electric and other companies may not mark lines they don't own or maintain. You may want to contact them for more information.
- The excavator is responsible to maintain markings placed by member utilities.
- · You are required by law to call 911 if pipeline damage results in a gas release.

Previous Screen	New Query	Print Ticket	Display Dig Location Map			
	Return To Me	enu Return 1	To Home			



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Dig Safe Ticket #		Dat	te			Time _			
Contr I.D.	Caller's NameTitle								
Phone #	Fax # Alt #								
Email address			В	usines	ss Hou	ırs	t	0	
Company									
Address									
City					State		Z	Zip	
State	Municipality								
(optional)	Latitude				Long	jitude _			
Address/Intersection	1								
Buffer Distance (Plea	ase circle): 500'	600'	700'	800'	900'	1000'	1100'	1200'	1320'
Nearest Cross St 1_									
Nearest Cross St 2_									
Additional Information	on								
Type of Work									
Area of Work									
Area Premarked?	Υ		N						
Start Date/_	Time:		_						
Excavator Doing Wo	ork								
Member Companies	Notified:								

- There may be non-member utilities in the area that you need to notify.

  Electric and other companies may not mark lines they don't own or maintain.

  The excavator is responsible to maintain marking placed by member utilities.

  Tickets expire exactly 30 days from today in NH and VT; 60 days in ME (excavation must start within 30 days).

  You are required by law to call 911 if pipeline damage results in a gas release.

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