



How to Read a Locate



Thank you for requesting a locate for your excavation work. The following points describe key elements of the locate sheet you need to be aware of before excavation begins.

- Locates in Ontario and Quebec contain a primary locate sheet and additional auxiliary sheets (at least one). The primary sheet lists the locate service provider (LSP) and their contact information – if there are any issues with the locate, they are the first point of contact for resolution.
- The primary sheet also lists the number of pages included in the locate, the requestor/excavator’s name and contact information, the location and type of work, specific marking instructions from the excavator, additional warnings/ advisories from the gas company, and the date the locate was completed. This date is important, as the 60-day validity of the Enbridge Gas Inc. (or associated affiliates within Ontario or Quebec) locate begins on this date.
- Ensure you have read all information on the primary sheet, have all auxiliary pages in your possession, and have addressed any additional instructions from the advisory section with the gas company before you mobilize to the site.
- The auxiliary sheet(s) depict a sketch of your work area and show all marked gas lines in the area. Prior to excavating, walk the site with the locate sketch and ensure all lines shown on the sketch are marked in the field. If any issues are noted, contact the locate company to correct.
- The sketch will describe the size and material of all located gas lines so that you can confirm you have found the correct lines during your excavation. If you come across unmarked lines or lines that differ from the locate sketch, always treat them as live and contact the locate company for clarification.
- The sketch will show a bold ‘border’ which shows the limits of your located area. No excavation may take place outside of this area. There will also be a written description of the located area that must correspond to the bordered area. If the area described does not cover the area you requested, contact the locate company to have it corrected and do not excavate outside of the located area.

See a [sample locate](#) with handy reference notes attached to learn more. You can also find more information in the [safe digging section](#) of the Enbridge Gas website.