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Utility Locate Tickets Expire After 17 Days Under New Nebraska State Fire Marshal Regulation

Utility locate tickets under Nebraska's One-Call Notification System Act will now expire after a 17 calendar-day "ticket life" under new regulations issued by the Nebraska State Fire Marshal which went into effect August 13, 2019. This is a potentially significant change for Nebraska contractors and excavators, because the prior version of these regulations did not include an expiration date for locate tickets.

The regulations are found at Chapter Two of Title 155 of the Nebraska Administrative Code. Nebraska811 also has issued a [notice on its website](#) advising of the 17-day expiration of utility locate tickets. The notice indicates an expiration date will be added to tickets in the near future but does not indicate specifically when the expiration dates will be added. Excavators are advised to review the new regulations and/or consult with legal counsel to ensure compliance with the changes.

A change also has been announced with regard to ticket start times. According to the notice on the Nebraska811 website: "The new calculation will not include the day the request is made and require a full two working day notice. For example, a request made Monday at noon would require a start date of sometime on Thursday (Monday doesn't count, Tuesday and Wednesday would be two full working days)."

Additional Information

If your organization has any questions regarding the new regulations, please contact the author listed below.

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