## Low-impact utility marking practices

**Purpose:**
To ensure the best environmental and safety practices as well as reduce unnecessary and unsightly one-call locate marks and the length of time they remain on the ground and sidewalk after the completion of the job.

**Policy:**

**Sidewalks**
Chalk paint shall only be used to locate utilities on all sidewalks. The chalk markings are required to be removed by the utility/contractor within 30 days after completion of work and at his cost as a condition of the permit approval process.

**Roadways**
Temporary nonpermanent biodegradable paint or water soluble paint shall only be used to locate utilities on roadways. The temporary paint markings are required to be removed by the utility/contractor within 30 days after completion of work and at his cost as a condition of the permit approval process.

**Other Surfaces**
Flags, stakes or temporary nonpermanent biodegradable paint or water soluble paint shall only be used to locate utilities on other surfaces within the right of way. The flags, stakes or the temporary paint markings are required to be removed by the utility/contractor within 30 days after completion of work and at his cost as a condition of the permit approval process.