

## When you dig:

**Call JULIE before digging: 800-892-0123**

The State of Illinois considers ICWHA a municipality since it is a provider of water to its residents. As such, ICWHA is legally required to be a member of JULIE, a cooperative that notifies all potentially impacted JULIE members of locate requests which may affect their assets.

Most municipalities (including Bloomington and Normal) subcontract out these requests to locate water assets. The companies that perform these services have the proper equipment and training to definitively mark the location of the water main and the shut-off valve. The ICWHA Water Chair has attempted these locates in the past using a metal detector and a set of construction (designed) blueprints for the water system. These blueprints were not updated after the system was installed and in some cases are not accurate. It seemed prudent to have trained professionals with the appropriate sophisticated equipment to perform this work for ICWHA. Additionally, a locating service can provide other services to help protect the ICWHA water system that would be almost impossible for ICWHA to perform itself.

**Indian Creek Water and Homeowner Association** entered into an agreement on January 16, 2012 with USIC Locating Services, LLC, to begin providing locates effective February 1, 2012. The main reason for this change was economics and the fact they could map locates that were just within our sub-division. The contract was revised at USIC's demand in May 2021 establishing an annual service fee, increasing the charges per locate and updating other contract terms.

USIC does not assume any liability for incorrectly marking utility lines so it is important homeowners take an active role in being sure utilities are properly marked and work with contractors or other parties involved in digging to be sure utilities are not damaged. This is the homeowner's responsibility. **USIC requires notification within 24 hours if utility lines are damaged so they can inspect the damage and assist in determining responsibility. Please contact a Board member immediately if utilities are damaged after requesting locate services through JULIE**

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If you need to dig, **the homeowner has the responsibility to call JULIE** because it is the law. JULIE will notify USIC Locating Services, LLC to mark the lines of the water provider, electricity provider, communications & gas because those conduits are assets owned by their respective vendors. Gas and electric get marked to the house, but communication and water lines generally do **not** get marked to the house. Marking the line into the house for water is not part of the fee the Association pays JULIE when a homeowner or contractor calls for utility locate services. **Please discuss with JULIE exactly what lines you wish to be marked and if you want communication and water lines marked to the house.**

**NOTE: If the homeowner desires to have the water line mapped between the outside shut-off (curb stop) to their home exclusively, this charge is on the homeowner, not the association and you will be billed a fee separately.**

If you need water locates to the house ask JULIE to include a note to have this done while they are out marking the primary lines. You will not need to call USIC Locating Services.

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

Q: Will I have to pay USIC Locating Services if I am going to dig in my yard?

A: No. ICWHA will pay USIC Locating Services. It is illegal for ICWHA to ask homeowners to pay for a JULIE locate request except as noted regarding marking water lines to the house.

Q: I noticed that the blue paint and flags only mark the water line up to my shut-off. What if I need to know where my water line enters my home?

A: Consistent with the way other municipalities handle JULIE locate requests, USIC Locating Services responsible to mark the water main(s) and the water shut-off. If the homeowner would like any water lines coming out of the shut-off which lead into the home marked, the locate costs associated with marking those lines, which are the property of the homeowner, will be paid by the homeowner.

Q: How much will it cost if I want my water line going into my house marked?

A: Provided the request occurs while USIC Locating Services is performing that homeowner's JULIE locate the additional charge will likely not be too expensive, but homeowners should discuss the charge with USIC. The cost will likely be substantially higher if after hours, weekends, holidays, or if USIC Locating Services must make a separate call exclusively to mark the homeowner's water line. Please request an estimate if you are concerned about the cost.