



At the Late Locate Symposium, Standardized Locate Validity was one of the five solutions that could be implemented quickly to create positive impact for the 2020 dig season.

Below you will find a quick overview to define what Standardizing Locate Validity is and answers to commonly asked questions

What is Standardized Locate Validity?

A standardized approach to help manage locates and reduce the amount of relocations. Members are requested to increase locate validity periods to a minimum of **60 days** from the **work to begin date**. As a result, locates will be valid longer and each Member's locates will have the same expiry date.

For example:

An Excavator submits a locate request with a **work to begin date** of January 31st and five Members are notified. All five Members' locate expiry dates will be March 31st regardless of when each Member completes their locate.

Benefits:

- Longer excavation window for Excavators
- With a single expiry date, there are fewer relocations
- Easier to manage locate requests for both Members and Excavators
- Less administrative burden

In December 2019, twenty-five industry Leaders came together to develop solutions that would positively affect locate delivery times in the province of Ontario.

The Late Locate Symposium consisted of stakeholders representing Excavators, Utilities, Municipalities, Locate Service Providers (LSPs), and Ontario One Call.

As a result, five implementable solutions were developed. Stakeholders within the Ontario industry should expect to see these strategies starting in 2020.



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