

Underground Network Q3-2019

SCGA IN THE COMMUNITY



In September, John Ell, Shermco Industries and the SCGA's Executive Director shared the Dig Safe message to the 1000 participating Student Leadership Conference delegates at their annual Tradeshow in Watrous.

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The SCGA Annual
General Meeting is
scheduled for Tuesday,
December 3, 2019
Regina

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2018 Damage Information Reporting Tool (DIRT) Report Released

CCGA DIRT Report Estimates Damage to Buried Utilities Continues to Cost Canada at Least \$1 Billion Every Year

NIAGARA FALLS, ONT. (Oct. 9, 2019) – The Canadian Common Ground Alliance (CCGA) released the 2018 Damage Information Reporting Tool (DIRT) Report in Niagara Falls, Ontario on Wednesday during its annual National Damage Prevention Symposium. This report presents characteristics, themes and contributing factors leading to damages in Canada as reported via the DIRT system.

2018 Highlights

- More than **47** damages occurred per work day.
- The total number of damages Canada-wide, totalled **11,693**, which is **2.6% more** than in 2017.
- Natural gas and telecommunication facilities were affected in **82%** of damages, **42%** and **40%** respectively.
- Hoe/trencher was the most common equipment type used in damages (**68%**). Equipment type was omitted in almost one third (**29%**) of reported damages.
- Work on water and sewer systems accounted for **31%** of damages.
- The most common known root cause of damages was excavation issue (**38%**).
- **RECALL:** Note that damages are reported to DIRT on a voluntary basis and thus do not reflect the total number of damages that take place in a year in Canadian provinces.

[Download the Report](#)

Important Note About the DIRT Data

- The Damage Information Reporting Tool (DIRT) is a confidential database where various stakeholders may enter information related to damages to buried utilities.
- Participation to DIRT is made on a voluntary basis. The report does not reflect the total number of damages that take place in Canadian provinces and there is no legal obligation for reporting such damages.

Stakeholders interested in submitting data to the 2019 report, or establish a Virtual Private Dirt account, should visit the DIRT website at www.cga-dirt.com or email info@scga.ca.

