Locating Property Pins

Property pins are buried iron survey markers placed by a surveyor at the corners of your property. Locating your property boundaries may help avoid disputes with neighbors and verify that fences, sheds and other improvements lie within your property. However, property pins may be moved or removed or may shift over time with Minnesota's freeze/thaw cycle. Contact a licensed surveyor for assistance determining your exact property boundaries.



Find Your Property Pins

- Contact Gopher State One Call at 651-454-0002 or visit *GopherStateOneCall.org* before digging to have underground utility locations marked by public utility companies. There is no fee for this service. Typically, a 48-hour notice is needed.
- Access your property records through Fridley's website to see if you have a certificate of survey on file, or find an aerial printout of your property that displays lot dimensions. Aerial printouts and property dimensions are available online at FridleyMN.gov/PropertyInformation.
- Ensure you have the following materials:
 - Survey or Aerial Printout
 - Tape Measure
 - Shovel
 - Metal Detector (Metal detectors are not required but can make locating pins faster and easier. If you do not own a metal detector, many construction rental companies offer rental metal detectors).
- Property markers are often located 10-15 feet from the curb. Go to the front curb and measure 10-15 feet back, to where the survey suggests the marker should be. Use the metal detector to locate the marker more easily. The marker is typically placed 6-10 inches below the surface.
- Mark the property pin and continue the process until you have found all pins.

If you have trouble finding your stakes, consider contacting a licensed land surveyor. While locating property pins provides valuable information for property owners, some projects also require a permit accompanied by a professional land survey.

Questions?

Contact the Planning Division at 763-572-3592 or email Planning.Division@FridleyMN.gov