

Property Lines

The following are some tips on finding the survey markers or “property pins” that mark your property.

1. Obtain a property survey. Hire a licensed, professional land surveyor to come out and survey your property. The City of West St. Paul does not have surveyors on staff to perform this service.
 - The [Minnesota Society of Professional Surveyors](#) has a list of currently licensed surveyors as well as other guides and resources regarding surveys.
2. Measure from the curb. Property markers are usually located at the corners of a lot, however not all properties have been surveyed or marked with pins.
 - Front property lines are typically 10 to 13 feet from the curb but note that all streets are different, and boulevard width can vary from street to street or block to block.
 - Dakota County provides a free online [GIS application](#) for residents to access public property information such as lot dimensions, maps, and aerial photographs.
3. Rent a metal detector. Use a metal detector to help narrow down where the markers are buried.
4. Call before you dig. Contact Gopher State One to mark utility lines before digging.
 - Phone: (651) 454-0002
 - Website: <https://www.gopherstateonecall.org/>