EXCAVATOR OF THE YEAR



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Congratulations to our 2023 Excavator of the Year recipients.

Each year, the Ontario Regional Common Ground Alliance (ORCGA) proudly recognizes excavators with the Best In-Class safe digging practices and congratulates the winners by presenting them with the Excavator of the Year award.

The Excavator of the Year winners are determined by reviewing each excavator's individual damage rate for the previous year. A damage rate is a calculation based on the excavator's volume of locate requests, measured against their number of digging related damages to underground infrastructure. Input from infrastructure owners is also used in determining the winners. To qualify, excavators must have submitted a minimum of 500 locate requests to Ontario One Call within the calendar year.

Excavators are divided into nine categories: Electric, Gas, Homebuilder, Landscape, Roadbuilder, Sewer/ Water, Telecommunications, Most Improved, and new for this year, Hydrovac Excavation.

The Reporting and Evaluation Committee felt that Hydrovac Excavation warranted its own separate category, as using this method sets the bar high for safe practices within the industry and reduces the risk of damage to underground utilities.

