



Area Code Master Documentation

Introduction:

Area Code Master is a unique file which shows not only all of the active area codes and prefixes, but we match them up with some of our other data internally in order to determine the time zone and whether or not that area observes Daylight Saving Time.

This file can be used by telemarketing companies in order to not call people outside of the FTC's designated call times.

Product Info:

The file is called, 'npa-nxx-full.csv' for the full version, or 'npa-nxx-demo.csv' for the demo version. It has five comma-delimited fields of information:

3-Digit Telephone Area Code:

All normal area codes will be listed here. Toll-free Area codes such as 800, 866, 877 and other specialty area codes are not included. The industry term for Area Codes is 'NPA' (Numbering Plan Area Code). The first digit is in the range of 2-9, the second digit can be a 0-8, and the third digit can be a 0-9.

Prefix:

The prefix (also called the Exchange or Central Office Code) is next. This is referred to as the 'NXX'. The first digit is in the range of 2-9, the second and third digits can be a 0-9.

State Abbreviation:

This is the 2-character standard (U.S. Postal Service) state abbreviation. We also include a file called, 'states.txt' which will list the state name for each abbreviation.

Time Zone & Daylight Savings Time flag:

We have the U.S. time zones in a standard format which is the number of hours from Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) which was formerly called Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). Greenwich is where the Royal Observatory is located (Southeast London). West of UTC is negative and so all records have negative numbers. The zones range from -5 (Eastern Standard Time) to -10 (Hawaiian Standard Time). If the area covered by this area code / prefix observes Daylight Saving Time, then the last field will be 'Y', otherwise 'N.'

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