

**UNDERGROUND UTILITIES INSTALLATIONS,  
MAINTENANCE AND REMOVALS  
MINIMUM GUIDELINES**

1. All underground utilities must be placed on the back five (5) feet of the right-of-way of the declared county road except when written permission is granted by the Sumner County highway superintendent.
2. All utilities placed in the county right-of-way are to be placed a minimum of thirty-six (36) inches deep and installed with tracer wire.
3. Utilities placed under paved county-maintained roads will be placed by boring methods a minimum of thirty-six (36) inches deep, cased with tracer wire.
4. Asphalt pavement shall not be cut for at least five (5) years following new paving and three (3) years following fresh chip seal.
5. Asphalt Cuts: All cuts must be approved by the highway superintendent in writing, installed at a minimum depth of thirty-six (36) inches at existing road center line grade, cased in steel or PVC piping at least 6" in diameter from right-of-way to right-of-way and tracer wire added.
6. Repair of Asphalt Cuts: Replaced with all virgin materials: twelve (12)-inch lifts compacted, twelve (12) inches concrete or hot mix materials-within six (6)-month return and pave fifty (50) feet on both side of the cut.
7. Utilities lines shall not be placed in drainage ditches, attached to bridges, culverts, tile, or other road structures, or ran through or over road drainage tile. Any exception shall be on emergency basis only and written approval is required by the road superintendent.
8. Natural Gas utilities: All installation shall be outside the county declared right-of-way. Written permission from the highway superintendent must be obtained prior to installation of natural gas lines in the county right-of-way. If approved by the highway superintendent, installation shall be a minimum of thirty-six (36) inches, cased with tracer wire.
9. All road cuts must be inspected and approved by the Superintendent of Roads or their representative prior to replacing of the road surface.

**ABOVE GROUND UTILITIES**

1. Permitting is not required for overhead utility installation and maintenance; however, if excavation is required a county permit must be obtained.
2. All utility markers, location and advertising signage located in the county right-of-way must be maintained free of weed and brush within a ten (10)-foot radius so said facility is easily visible. The county assumes no responsibility for any damage to any facility that is not maintained by the utility provider.