TYPICAL TRENCH CROSS SECTION U.G. CABLE IN CONDUIT

NOTES:

1. ALL TRENCHES AND ELECTRICAL CONDUIT(S) REQUIRE APPROVAL BY A VEC INSPECTOR BEFORE BACKFILLING.
2. ALL TRENCHES SHALL BE 18 INCH MINIMUM WIDTH. THE CONDUIT SHALL BE EMBEDDED IN UNFROZEN SAND OR FINE GRAVEL THAT WILL PASS A 1 INCH MESH. THIS MATERIAL SHALL BE A MINIMUM OF 4 INCHES THICK ON ALL SIDES OF THE CONDUIT. THE REMAINDER OF THE BACKFILL SHALL BE CLEAN, AND SHALL NOT CONTAIN ROCKS LARGER THAN 8 INCHES IN ANY DIMENSION. CAREFULLY COMPACT THE FULL DEPTH OF BACKFILL UNDER TRAVELLED WAYS AND PARKING LOTS. THE MINIMUM DEPTH, UNDER A HIGHWAY, SHALL BE 48 INCHES RATHER THAN 36 INCHES. MOUNDING THE TRENCH, TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED DEPTH, IS NOT ALLOWED.
3. CONDUIT SHALL BE ENCASED IN A 4 INCH ENVELOPE OF CONCRETE UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:
   a) BROOK CROSSINGS
   b) CROSSINGS OF WATER, SEWER, AND GAS PIPELINES. CROSSINGS SHALL BE DONE AT NINETY DEGREES IF POSSIBLE. Normally, the electrical conduit shall be a minimum of 18 inches above the pipe carefully compact the fill below the electrical conduit. Concrete encasement is required for 10 feet on each side of the pipe.
   c) UNDER THE TRAVELLED WAY OF CITY STREETS, AND UNDER TOWN HIGHWAYS, IF REQUIRED BY THE TOWN. A PIPE SLEEVE SURROUNDING THE CONDUIT MAY BE SUBSTITUTED.
   d) CONDUITS WITHIN 20 FEET OF TANKS CONTAINING FUELS, OR SOLVENTS. THESE TANKS MAY BE ABOVE OR BELOW GRADE. THIS REQUIREMENT DOES NOT APPLY TO UDR SERVICES.

4. TRENCHES SHOULD BE LOCATED TO FEET FROM ANY STRUCTURE, UNLESS THE CONDUIT IS GOING TO THE STRUCTURE. CONTACT VEC IF CLOSER APPROACHES ARE NECESSARY.
5. TRENCHES SHOULD BE LOCATED TO FEET FROM ANY WATER, SEWER, OR GAS PIPELINE THAT PARALLELS THE CONDUIT. CONTACT VEC IF CLOSER APPROACHES ARE NECESSARY.
6. COMMUNICATIONS CABLES AND CONDUITS MAY BE LOCATED IN THE SAME TRENCH WITH ELECTRIC CABLES OR CONDUITS. A MINIMUM HORIZONTAL OR VERTICAL SEPARATION OF 12 INCHES IS REQUIRED. ELECTRICAL CONDUITS SHALL BE SEPARATED BY 4 INCHES. THESE DISTANCES ARE MEASURED SURFACE-TO-SURFACE, NOT CENTER-TO-CENTER.
7. DEPTHS SHALLOWER THAN 36 INCHES MAY BE ALLOWED WHERE OBSTRUCTIONS SUCH AS LEGS ARE ENCOUNTERED. ANY PORTION OF THE CONDUIT SHALLOWER THAN 24 INCHES SHALL BE COVERED WITH A MINIMUM 2 INCH CONCRETE CAP. SEE THE UTILITY FOR DEPTHS SHALLOWER THAN 12 INCHES.

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