

Construction Standards for Installation of Private Underground Services

A Services Consent for the installation of private underground services is not required provided the private underground service is installed to the following Council Standards.

Examples of private underground services (but not limited to) are as follows:

- Private irrigation pipelines
 - Private stockwater pipelines
 - Private effluent pipelines
 - Private electrical cables
 - Private telecommunication cables
1. The landowner or their agent is to pay all costs associated with the installation of (and subsequent maintenance of) the private underground service.
 2. The landowner or their agent is responsible for ensuring that any required Building Consent is obtained or any physical works undertaken are in accordance with the Building Act.
 3. All work on Council Infrastructure is to be completed by a Council Infrastructure Approved Contractor. This includes excavation and/or reinstatement of existing Council services within the Road Corridor. **Any work not carried out in accordance with Timaru District Council standards will require to be rectified at the landowner or their agent's cost.**

Advice Note: Contractors undertaking work on Council Infrastructure must be Council Infrastructure Approved for the work being undertaken at the time of physical works. Timaru District Council's current Infrastructure Approved Contractors list is available from Council's website: www.timaru.govt.nz/services-consents

4. All work shall be carried out in accordance with the *National Code of Practice for Utility Operators' Access to Transport Corridors* and is to be completed within a timely manner. This code of practice includes a 24 month maintenance and warranty period that is the responsibility of the landowner or their agent. **The use of Trenchless Technology is to be used wherever possible.**
5. The Contractor is required to lodge a Corridor Access Request (CAR) with the Timaru District Council through the "beforeUdig" website: www.beforeudig.co.nz and have it approved **prior to commencing work within the road corridor**. Please note the CAR will require an approved Traffic Management Plan prepared by a qualified person.
6. The private underground service is to be laid a minimum of 900mm below the ground surface.
7. Any electrical cables shall be laid by a registered electrical contractor in accordance with the Electrical Act 1992 and its amendments and regulations. Marking and identifier tape shall be used.
8. Timaru District Council will not be liable for any damage done to the private underground service in the future from any cause whatsoever.
9. That should Timaru District Council so require, the private underground service being installed must be removed or relocated on notification from Timaru District Council.

10. The private underground service shall be regularly inspected by the landowner or their agent and any leaks or remedial works/repairs necessary be immediately repaired subject to approval to work on the road. Timaru District Council reserves the right to have any repairs carried out at the landowner's costs if for any reason the Timaru District Council believe this is necessary.
11. If any of above specifications cannot be physically achieved on-site, please contact Council's Land Transport Unit for specific installation instructions prior to commencing work.

Any questions regarding these construction standards should be directed to:

- *Timaru District Council's Land Transport Unit*

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