



**DISTRIBUTION CONSTRUCTION STANDARD**  
EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD - EUGENE, OREGON

**TYPICAL TRENCH UNDER OR BEHIND SIDEWALK**

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**GC5-2.0100**

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# 1.0 CONSTRUCTION NOTES:

## TRENCHING REQUIREMENTS:

- 1.1 EWEB Standard GC5-2.0100 is the minimum requirements for a “Typical Trench Under or Behind Sidewalk”, City, County or State permitting requirements supersede this standard.

It is the Contractor/Developer’s responsibility to ensure substructure facilities are installed and the trench is backfilled and surface is rebuilt per the permitting authorities’ Standards of Construction requirements:

1.1a City of Eugene @ <http://www.eugene-or.gov/index.aspx?nid=184> (See Permits & R/W Use – Utility & R/W Permit Manual).

1.1b Lane County @ [http://apps.lanecounty.org/pw\\_plan/](http://apps.lanecounty.org/pw_plan/) (See link to ODOT Standard Drawings, Roadway Sections, Roadway – 700 Curbs, ect – RD numbers.

1.1c Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) @ [http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/ENGSERVICES/pages/roadway\\_drawings.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/ENGSERVICES/pages/roadway_drawings.aspx) (See 700 Curbs, ect – RD numbers)

- 1.2 The edge of the trench shall be a minimum of 12” from the sidewalk unless under the sidewalk.
- 1.3 If a person is required to enter a trench 60” or deeper, it shall be shored, benched, or sloped to prevent movement of earth that may endanger life or property.
- 1.4 Bottom of the trench shall be level and free of rocks, stone, debris, and rubbish which may damage conduits. If the bottom of the trench is not level, use ¾” minus crushed rock (Class B) to fill in the voids to provide a level bed for the conduits.
- 1.5 Once electric and communication conduit has been installed, backfill as shown.
- 1.6 Compaction shall be accomplished using mechanical vibrators or impact tampers. Wheel rolling by a truck or backhoe shall not be acceptable. (See Construction note 1.1)

## CONDUIT REQUIREMENTS:

- 1.7 Electric conduits are to be located at the bottom of the trench on the property side with the telephone and television on the street side.

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- 1.8 The customer shall notify EWEB at least two working days prior to backfilling, EWEB will inspect all customer-installed substructure and open trench.
- 1.9 Each conduit run between substructures shall be one size of conduit continuously, with all conduit edges chamfered and free from sharp edges. All conduits shall be bonded together with approved PVC cement.
- 1.10 All conduits shall be cleaned and tested and determined to be free from obstruction with the use of an appropriately sized mandrel after backfilling has occurred. In the event that a mandrel cannot be successfully pulled through the completed conduit system, it will be the customer's responsibility to locate and repair the conduit. (Refer to EWEB Standard GC5-2.3600)
- 1.11 A suitable pulling string, capable of a 285 lb pull shall be installed in the conduit system. The string shall be blown in after the conduit has been installed to avoid bonding the string to the conduit as the PVC cement dries.
- 1.12 Heating of PVC elbows or conduit for field bending is NOT allowed. All sweeps shall be made using manufactured elbows.

## 2.0 DESIGN NOTES:

- 2.1 It is the responsibility of the design tech to coordinate with the appropriate governing permitting authority to determine the specific trenching and surface restoration requirements.
- 2.2 See Construction note 1.1.

## 2 REFERENCE STANDARDS:

- A Refer to EC5-9.1100 for Schedule 40 PVC conduit.
- B Refer to EC5-9.1500 for DB-120 PVC conduit.
- C Refer to GC5-2.3600 for Mandreling and cleaning of conduit.
- D Refer to GC5-2.3900 for Conduit detail, entering and exiting concrete vaults.