

The interior of the pipe shall be thoroughly cleaned of foreign matter before being lowered into the trench and shall be kept clean during laying operations. ALL OPEN ENDS ARE TO BE CLOSED WITH CAPS OR PLUGS AT ALL TIMES WHEN PIPE LAYING OPERATIONS ARE NOT IN OPERATION AND AT THE END OF THE DAY. All caps or plugs shall be properly installed and blocked in advance of filling, flushing, and testing mains. All securing and blocking shall be inspected by the District prior to back filling of ditch.

If the existing water main material being tapped or connected to is asbestos concrete, then during the process of tapping the asbestos concrete water main, the contractor shall conform to OSHA regulations governing the handling of hazardous waste. Pieces of asbestos concrete resulting from the tap shall be doubled bagged, placed in a rigid container and disposed of in an approved landfill.

3.02 CONTRACTORS RESPONSIBILITY If the existing water main being tapped or connected to is cathodically protected, an isolation coupling shall be required. All work performed on any water mains and/or appurtenances that are owned or anticipated to be owned by the District shall be completed under the direction of the District adhering to an acceptable plan approved by the District. A minimum 24 hours notice shall be given to the District by the contractor prior to the start of water main work. One set of District approved plans shall be on the job site during construction. Water main construction will not be permitted to start until all approvals are received. There shall be no deviation from the approved plans without written approval from the District.

A. If the interruption of service to any customer of the District is necessary, the Contractor shall make arrangements to provide such shutdown and notify District customers at the direction of the District Inspector. All private residents shall be notified no less than 48 hours and all businesses commercial and Industrial customers shall be notified no less than 1 week prior to the interruption of service. All shutdowns shall be coordinated with the effected residents, with priority given to any special needs customers such as hospitals, schools, and customers with medical needs.

B. Contractor shall be responsible for relieving any water main pressure (whether air or water) before removing any cap, plug, fire hydrant, valve, etc.

3.03 HANDLING Pipe, fittings, valves, hydrants, and accessories shall be loaded and unloaded by lifting with hoists or skidding so as to avoid shock or damage. Pipe hooks that extend inside the ends of the pipe shall not be used for handling the pipe since they could damage the lining. Under no circumstances shall such materials be dropped. Pipe handled on skid ways shall not be skidded or rolled against other pipe. All bolts shall be tightened with proper wrenches and must have equal tension. The interior of all pipe, fittings and other accessories shall be kept free from dirt and foreign material at all times. When handling P.V.C., P.V.C.O. & P.E. pipe care should be taken to avoid abrasion damage, gouging of the pipe, rocks, and any stressing of the bell joints or damage of the bevel ends.

3.04 TRENCHING, GRADE, AND COVER Typically no trenching or laying of pipe or fittings shall be done until pavement (curbs) has been installed. In cases where water main installation is required under new pavement (side streets) main may be installed from trench stakes. When main installation is done prior to the pavement completion, test holes may be required by the District if valve depth, service taps or other evidence indicates that the minimum or maximum cover requirements are not met or that the main is in the wrong location. The contractor will be responsible for digging test holes at intervals required by the District to verify depth and location.

All trenching, grade, and cover work shall conform to the lines and grades established, and shall be done according to the drawings and specifications, subject to such modifications as the District may determine to be necessary during the execution of the work. Trenches for water lines shall be of a depth that will provide a minimum cover over the top of pipe of three (3) feet and a maximum of four (4) feet from the final finished grade. Cover over four feet in depth will not be allowed unless approved by the District to avoid interference with other utilities. Kentucky Dept. of Transportation requires a minimum of 42" of cover for water mains along state highways.

The Contractor shall establish all locations, lines, and grades in advance of all work where practical. In addition the Contractor will keep the Northern Kentucky Water District informed a reasonable time in advance of the times and places in which the Contractor intends to work (minimum advance notice shall be one working day, 24 hours).

3.05 TRENCH EXCAVATION

A. TRENCH WIDTH Widths of trenches shall be held to a minimum to accommodate the pipe and appurtenances. The trench width shall be measured at the top of the pipe barrel and shall conform to the following limits:

Earth

Minimum - outside diameter of the pipe barrel plus 8 inches, 4 inches each side of pipe.  
Maximum - nominal pipe diameter plus 24 inches.

Rock

Minimum - 24" or less, nominal pipe size: outside diameter of pipe barrel plus 12 inches, @ 6 inches each side.

Minimum - Larger than 24", nominal pipe size: outside diameter of pipe barrel plus 18 inches, @ 9 inches each side.

Maximum - nominal pipe diameter plus 24 inches.


B. BUTTERFLY VALVES

Trench width shall be over excavated 24" on the side that the operating mechanism is located on the butterfly valve when the surrounding area cannot be hand dug.

3.06 BOTTOM PREPARATION The Contractor shall use excavation equipment that produces an even foundation. For the entire length of the trench, a compacted 3" layer of sand, shall be installed below the pipe. Bell holes and depressions for joints, valves, and fittings shall be dug after the trench bedding has been graded in order that the pipe rest upon the prepared bedding for as nearly its full length as practicable. Bell holes and depressions shall be only of such length, depth, and width as required for properly making the particular type of joint. Stones found in the trench shall be removed for a depth greater than or equal to (≥) six inches (6") below the bottom of the pipe.

3.07 UNSTABLE SUB-GRADE MATERIAL When the sub-grade is found to include non-approved backfill material (rock, refuse, organic material, etc.), such material shall be removed to a minimum of six (6) inches below the bottom of the pipe and backfilled with sand, backrun or granular material and thoroughly compacted.

3.08 UNSTABLE SUB-GRADE If the material forming the trench bottom is not suitable for a good foundation, a further depth shall be excavated and backfilled with an approved backfill material and thoroughly compacted or a foundation shall be constructed using piling, treated timbers, concrete, or other materials as directed and approved by the District.

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