

NOTICE
REGARDING BORING UNDER and OPEN CUTS OF COUNTY ROADS

The St. Joseph County Road Commission would like to notify all farmer/contractors that permit requirements must be complied with when making open cuts or boring under county roads. Please refer to the back of the application for additional information. Farmers/contractors are hereby notified that **open cuts across hard-surfaced roads will not be allowed under normal circumstances. Consideration will be given in special circumstances but require the Engineer or Manager to give prior approval.**

Irrigation water and electrical lines must be encased in plastic or steel the width of the right-of-way, and top of encasement shall be buried a minimum depth of 48" below the existing road surface. If not buried 48" or more and the line gets hit it becomes the farmers/contractors responsibility for damages. Appropriate tubular utility marker posts must be placed above ground at the road bores on **both sides** of the road indicating the type of utility service line that is under the road (**RED** for power lines, **BLUE** for water lines and **YELLOW** for gas lines (see attached). Said tubular markers must clearly indicate the contact information and emergency phone number of the property owner. Failure to mark accordingly will result in forfeiture of escrow. Farmers are responsible for maintaining and replacing damaged markers. SJCRC will not be liable if markers are not replaced and pipes become damaged.

Application for the permit must be made at least one (1) week in advance, except in emergency repair situations. Applications shall not be issued for a duration of more than 60 days. After the financial and insurance obligations have been met, the permit will be reviewed by the Engineer or Manager for approval. **All permits become void after 60 days** if the road commission is not notified requesting an additional 30-day extension.

Applicants are reminded that all work shall be performed Monday through Friday, during road commission normal working hours, unless written approval is given by the Road Commission. Also, farmers/contractors must comply with MISS DIG requirements for locating underground utilities. Farmers/contractors are also responsible for notifying emergency personnel by calling 911 Central Dispatch at 269-467-4195 and the area school(s) of any road closures.

Work shall not commence until the signed permit is in the hands of the irrigating farmer/contractor. The Road Commission must be notified at least two (2) business days (48 hours) prior to the work being performed, to allow for inspection by St. Joseph County Road Commission Personnel. Hours from May 1 – Sept. 30 are M – Thurs. 6A – 4P, closed Friday, Oct. 1 – April 30 M – F 7A – 3P. The area foreman should be emailed for all questions and boring times. The county is divided into two sections (east and west) with Klinger Laker Road, Covered Bridge Road and Silver Streets being the division points. Tom Scott covers the area east of these roads and can be reached at tscott@sjcrc.com or 269-506-6815 and Jon Roggelien covers the area west of these roads and can be reached at jroggelien@sjcrc.com or 269-535-0142.

Before the project is backfilled, the Road Commission MUST be notified by the farmer / contractor for final inspection of the open cut or boring project. After the Road Commission personnel make the final inspection, the farmer/contractor may fill in any excavation. Failure to do this may result in forfeiture of Escrow.

Individuals requiring more information may contact the St. Joseph County Road Commission at 20914 M-86, Centreville, MI 49032, phone 269-467-6393.

Markers must clearly indicate the contact information and emergency phone number of the property owner.

Marker examples

Natural Gas Pipeline Utility Marker Posts



Multiple product options available

Water Pipeline Utility Marker Posts



Multiple product options available

Electric Cable Utility Marker Posts



Multiple product options available