

NOTICE
REGARDING MAKING OPEN CUTS OR BORING UNDER COUNTY ROADS

The St. Joseph County Road Commission would like to notify all farmers / contractors that permit requirements must be complied with when making open cuts or boring under county roads.

The Road Commission also wants to make farmers / contractors aware that **open cuts across hard-surfaced roads will not be allowed.**

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.

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 30 days. After the financial and insurance obligations have been met, the permit will be reviewed by the Road Commission Manager for approval.

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 one (1) day prior to the work being performed, to allow for inspection by St. Joseph County Road Commission Personnel. Call Tom Scott at 269-506-6815 or Jon Roggelien at 269-535-0142. Hours from May 1 – Oct. 1 are M – Thrs. 6A – 4P, closed Friday. Oct. 2 – April 30 M – F 7A – 3P.

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.