



# Yamhill County

## Public Works Department

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### POLICY MEMORANDUM

Re: Utilities in County Right of Way  
Effective Date: November 1, 2016  
To: All Utilities  
From: Yamhill County Public Works Director, Mark Lago

This is to restate Yamhill County's 2007 policy regarding:

- **Utilities in Yamhill County's Right of Way.** All appurtenances in the County right of way must be kept free of vegetation or other obstructions by the utility installing them, to make them clearly visible to County maintenance crews. Yamhill County will make every effort to avoid damaging any appurtenances we encounter. However, we are not liable for any damage to existing or future appurtenances that have not been installed or maintained in a manner that makes them clearly visible to County maintenance crews.
- **Underground utilities that are installed in a substandard manner.** Underground utilities must be buried in accordance with Oregon law, or no less than 36 inches under the surface. Yamhill County will make every effort to avoid damaging any improperly buried utilities we encounter. However, we are not liable for any damage to existing or future underground utilities that have not been installed or maintained in a manner that makes them compliant with Oregon law.
- **When a utility is not properly located because of a timely locate request** made to the Oregon Utility Notification Center, Yamhill County will not be liable for disruption of services or repair work by the utility owner or their sub-contractors. The owner of the utility will be financially responsible for any delays or damages that their improperly located utilities have caused either by way of the initial damage to the utility, road system, traveling public, personnel and equipment involved in approved construction/maintenance activities or due to delays and/or damages caused by the subsequent repairs to the said utility.