

**Brewster County Policy**  
**Trenching Across County Roads**

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Any utility contractor, private business, agricultural operator or individual, (herein referred to as the Permittee) desiring to trench across or otherwise cut or excavate any part of a paved County Road must first, prior to commencing any such trenching, obtain permission from the County, as set out below:

1. The County must receive a minimum of 5 working days written notice of proposed trenching. Notice shall set out the exact location of the proposed trench, why the trench is necessary, and describe specifically what is to be laid in the trench. Notice shall be given to the County Road & Bridge Superintendent. The Road and Bridge Superintendent has the right to direct the manner, date, and time of trenching. The required notice period may be waived by the Road and Bridge Superintendent in the event of an imminent threat to Public Health or safety.
2. Trenching will not begin until the Road & Bridge Superintendent has approved in writing the length, width, and depth of the trench and the manner in which trenching will be done.
3. The County will repair damage to pavement caused by trenching. The County will be reimbursed at the rate of \$15 per square foot which has been cut or damaged by the Permittee. Reimbursement is payable upon presentation of a statement to Permittee.
4. Liability for any damages caused by trenching above and beyond damage to pavement, whether damage to property or injury to persons is wholly the responsibility of Permittee.