



Electrical Bulletin – Underground Installations

April 20, 2022

Re: Photo Inspections

This is a reminder to help smooth out the excavation season this year. Every underground installation needs to have a declaration form submitted that includes a desired cover-up date prior to backfill. Alternatively, if a photo inspection is desired for a remote location or a small project, please contact us to verify you are okay to cover via photos. The photos must show the following and should be submitted:

1. Photo clearly showing location of underground on property
2. 75mm of screened sand below and above conductors/conduits
3. Cables and/or raceways shown in location and ready for backfill
4. Measuring tape from top of cable or conduit (not bottom of trench) showing depth against straight edge showing grade level
5. Marking tape halfway between install and finished grade
6. Photo showing backfill completed

If any portion of the electrical is backfilled and you don't have the minimum six pictures clearly showing the above list, the underground install may need to be redone. Photo inspections will only be considered for small projects as larger construction sites are too elaborate for photo inspections and need an on-site inspection before cover.

As always please contact myself or another electrical inspector if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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