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King County, Washington**

**2011 ENGINEERING SPECIFICATIONS**

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**METHODS OF CONSTRUCTION**

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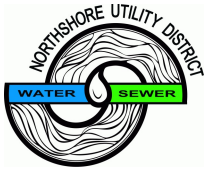


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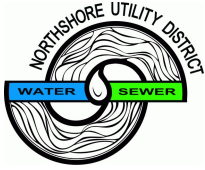
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## Section 5 – Engineering Specifications Methods of Construction

### 1. GENERAL

A pre-construction conference will be held at the District office prior to the start of construction.

The Contractor shall notify the District a minimum of 5 days in advance of contemplated construction to allow for construction staking and review of materials to be used on the job.

Except as otherwise noted herein, all work shall be accomplished with adopted standards and specifications of Northshore Utility District and according to the recommendations of the manufacturer of the material or equipment used. The Contractor shall have a copy of the plans and specifications on the jobsite at all times.

### 2. CLEARING AND GRUBBING

Clearing and grubbing shall consist of the removal of all trees, stumps, brush and debris and shall be confined within the limits of the easements obtained for the construction of this project and/or existing public rights-of-way. Removal of clearing and grubbing debris shall be subject to the approval of the District and shall, in no way, constitute a hazard to the continuous operation of any existing utilities. Any damage to the existing utilities shall be repaired by the respective utility company, at the expense of the Contractor.

Within the limits described, all growth and organic matter such as trees, shrubs, brush, logs, fences, upturned stumps and roots of down trees and other similar items, shall be removed and disposed. All trees shall be felled within the area to be cleared. Where the tree limb structure interferes with utility wires or where the trees to be felled are in close proximity to utility wires, the tree shall be taken down in sections to eliminate the possibility of damage to the utility. Any damage that does occur shall be the responsibility of the Contractor.

All fences adjoining any excavation or embankment that may be damaged or buried shall be carefully removed and temporarily erected on the adjoining property or stored for reinstallation as directed by the District.

No debris of any kind shall be deposited in any stream or body of water or in any street or alley.



Trees, shrubbery, and flower beds designated by the District shall be left in place and care shall be taken by the Contractor not to damage or injure such trees, shrubbery or flower beds by any of its operations.

The refuse resulting from the clearing operation shall be hauled to an approved waste site secured by the Contractor and shall be disposed of in such a manner as to meet all requirements of State, County and municipal regulations regarding health, safety and public welfare.

**NO burning is allowed.**

In no case, shall any material be left on the project, shoved onto abutting private properties, or be buried in embankments or sewer trenches on the project.

Where trees exist in planting areas and are not to be removed, it shall be the Contractor's responsibility to trim low limbs which will interfere with the normal operation of its equipment and paint or seal pruned areas with an approved pruning tar or paint. The trimming shall be performed in a professional manner by competent personnel prior to its machine operations and in such a manner as the District and/or the property owner may direct.

The Contractor shall be responsible for all damages to existing improvements resulting from its operations.

### **3. DEWATERING AND CONTROL OF WATER**

The Contractor shall dewater and dispose of the water so as not to cause injury to public or private property or to cause a nuisance or a menace to the public and shall meet all regulatory agency requirements.

The control of groundwater shall be such that softening of the bottom of excavations or formation of "quick" conditions or "boils" shall be prevented. Dewatering systems shall be designed and operated so as to prevent the removal of the natural soils.

During excavating, installing, placing of trench backfill and the placing and setting of concrete, excavations shall be kept free of water. The static water level shall be drawn down below the bottom of the excavation so as to maintain the undisturbed state of the natural soils and allow the placement of backfill to the required density. The dewatering system shall be installed and operated so that the ground water level outside the excavation is not reduced to the extent that would damage or endanger adjacent structures or property.

The release of groundwater to its static level shall be performed in such a manner as to maintain the undisturbed state of the natural foundation soils,



prevent disturbance of compacted backfill and prevent flotation or movement of structures, pipelines.

In carrying out the work within the limits of streams or an area that will drain into a stream, the Contractor is required to comply with the regulations of the appropriate local, State and Federal agencies.

The Contractor shall contact the above referenced departments and secure such permits as may be necessary to cover its proposed method of operation within the areas described above. If no permit is necessary and, if requested by the District, the Contractor shall provide written approval from the appropriate agency.

#### **4. TEMPORARY EROSION & SEDIMENTATION CONTROL (TESC)**

The Contractor shall comply with all applicable permit conditions and recommendations of the geotechnical report, if available.

The detrimental effects of erosion and sedimentation are to be minimized in conformance with the following general principles:

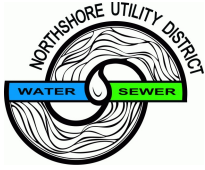
- § Leaving soil exposed for the shortest possible time.
- § Reducing the velocity and controlling the flow of runoff.
- § Detaining runoff in an approved on-site temporary sedimentation control facility to trap sediment.
- § Releasing runoff safely to downstream areas.
- § Installing temporary filter fabric fence.
- § Protecting existing catch basins.

In applying these principles, the Contractor shall provide for erosion control by conducting work in workable units; minimizing the disturbance to cover crop material, providing mulch and/or temporary cover crops, sedimentation basins, and/or diversions in critical areas during construction; properly controlling and conveying runoff; and establishing permanent vegetation and installing erosion control structures as soon as possible.

##### **(a) TEMPORARY EROSION & SEDIMENTATION CONTROL (TESC)**

The Contractor shall provide, install and maintain TESC facilities to protect the existing surface waters, drainage systems and adjacent properties.

The TESC facilities must be constructed prior to the start of construction to ensure that the transport of sediment to surface waters, drainage systems and adjacent properties is minimized.



The TESC facilities shown on the plan are the minimum requirements for anticipated site conditions. During the construction periods, these TESC facilities shall be upgraded as needed for unexpected storm events and modified to account for changing site conditions (e.g., additional sump pumps, relocation of ditches and silt fences, etc.).

The TESC facilities shall be inspected daily by the contractor/TESC supervisor and maintained to ensure proper functioning. Written records shall be kept of weekly reviews of the TESC facilities during the wet season (Oct. 1 to March 31) and of monthly reviews during the dry season (April 1 to Sept. 30).

Any areas of exposed soils, including roadway embankments, that will not be disturbed for two days during the wet season or seven days during the dry season shall be immediately stabilized with the approved TESC methods (e.g., seeding, mulching, plastic covering, etc.).

The TESC facilities shall be inspected and maintained within 24 hours following a storm event.

At no time shall more than one (1) foot of sediment be allowed to accumulate within a catch basin. All catch basins and conveyance lines shall be cleaned prior to paving. The cleaning operation shall not flush sediment-laden water into the downstream system.

#### **(b) TRENCH MULCHING**

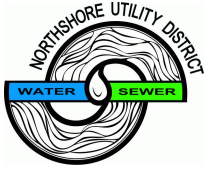
Where, in the opinion of the District, there is danger of backfill material being washed away due to steepness of the slope along the direction of the trench, material shall be held in place by covering the disturbed area with straw and holding it in place with a covering of jute matting or wire mesh anchored down with wooden stakes, or as directed by the District.

#### **(c) COVER CROP SEEDING**

A cover crop shall be in place in all areas excavated or disturbed during construction that were not paved, landscaped, and/or covered prior to construction. Areas landscaped prior to construction shall be restored to their prior condition in accordance with Landscaping, Lawn Removal and Replacement sections. The Contractor shall be responsible for protecting all areas from erosion until the cover in place affords such protection.

Cover-crop seeding shall follow backfilling operations.

The Contractor shall be responsible for protecting all areas from erosion until the cover crop affords such protection. The cover crop shall be reseeded, if required, and additional measures taken to provide protection from erosion until the cover crop is capable of providing protection.



During winter months, the Contractor may postpone seeding at the direction of the District, if conditions are such that the seed will not germinate and grow. The Contractor will not, however, be relieved of the responsibility of protecting all areas until the cover crop has been sown and affords protection from erosion.

Submittals shall be provided for cover crop seed, mulch and fertilizer as specified herein.

## **5. SEWER PIPE INSTALLATION**

Unless specified otherwise, a 10-foot horizontal separation and an 18-inch vertical separation must be maintained between all sanitary sewer mains and water mains in accordance with the Department of Ecology criteria.

Where it is necessary to cross an existing asbestos-cement water line, the asbestos-cement pipe shall be removed and replaced with ductile iron pipe in accordance with the Standard Detail. All other non-metallic water main crossings shall be backfilled with CDF per NUD Standard Sewer Details.

### **(a) CONNECT TO EXISTING SYSTEM**

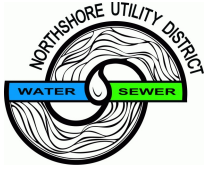
Connections to existing manholes shall be made by core-drilling. Invert of manhole shall be rechannelized as necessary to accommodate flow directions and provide a minimum of 0.10' drop from the inlet to the outlet. Connections shall be watertight. If connection is made to an existing manhole with a fiberglass reinforced plastic baseliner, the disturbed channel must be re-glassed by a District approved contractor.

### **(b) PLUG(S) FOR EXISTING SYSTEM**

The District will furnish and install a plug at the time the project is connected to the District's sewer system. The plug(s) must remain in position to prevent debris and water from entering the existing sewer system until such time as the sewer system within the project has been accepted by the District for maintenance and operation. A \$2,000.00 fine will be levied against the Contractor when a District installed sewer mainline plug is removed at any time during the work. The Contractor will also be accountable for all expenses incurred to clean and flush sanitary sewer mainlines as a result of said plug removal.

### **(c) PIPE LAYING**

The sewer pipe, unless otherwise approved by the District, shall be installed upgrade from point of connection on the existing sewer or from a designated starting point to line and grade per approved plans. The sewer



pipe shall be installed with the bell end forward or upgrade. When pipe laying is not in progress, the forward end of the pipe shall be kept tightly closed with an approved temporary plug.

#### **(d) Pipe Jointing**

All extensions, additions and revisions on the sewer system, unless otherwise indicated, shall be made with sewer pipe joined by means of a flexible gasket which shall be fabricated and installed in accordance with these specifications.

All joints shall be made up in strict compliance with the manufacturer's directions and all sewer pipe manufacture and handling shall meet or exceed the ASTM recommended specifications, current revisions.

Pipe handling after the gasket has been affixed shall be carefully controlled to avoid disturbing the gasket and knocking it out of position or loading it with dirt or other foreign material. Any gaskets so disturbed shall be removed, cleaned, re-lubricated, if required, and replaced before the re-joining is attempted.

Care shall be taken to properly align the pipe before joints are entirely forced home. During insertion of the tongue or spigot, the pipe shall be partially supported by hand, sling or crane to minimize unequal lateral pressure on the gasket and to maintain concentricity until the gasket is properly positioned.

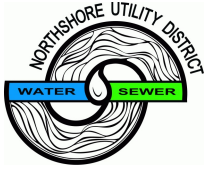
Sufficient pressure shall be applied in making the joint to assure that it is home, as described in the installation instructions provided by the pipe manufacturer.

### **6. SIDE SEWER STUBS**

A side sewer stub is considered to be that portion of a sewer line that will be constructed between a main sewer line and a property line or easement limit.

All applicable specifications given herein for sewer construction shall be held to apply to side sewer stubs.

3" wide, green metallic side sewer detector tape shall be laid 12" above the pipe, for the entire length of the side sewer which is 8' deep or less continuing up the side sewer 2"x4" marker post. Identification on the tape shall include the words "Sanitary Sewer".



Side sewers shall be single and installed according to the Standard Details. In no case may the specified side sewers be changed without the approval of the District.

Side sewers shall be connected to the tee provided in the sewer main where such is available utilizing approved fittings or adapters. The side sewer slope shall be a maximum of 100 percent (45°) and a minimum of 2 percent.

The maximum bend permissible at any one fitting shall not exceed 45°. Bends exceeding 45° with any combination of two fittings shall have a straight pipe of not less than three (3) feet in length installed between such adjacent fittings, unless one of such fittings be a wye branch with a cleanout provided on the straight leg. The maximum length of 6 inch sewer stub shall be 100 feet; minimum length shall be 5 feet unless otherwise approved by the District.

Where there are no basements, the minimum side sewer depth shall be six (6) feet below final ground at the property line. The Contractor shall provide for each 6-inch stub a 2-inch x 4-inch wooden post that extends from the invert of the 6-inch stub to a point 18 inches (minimum) and 2 feet (maximum) above the existing ground. The exposed area of this post shall be painted white and shall have marked thereon the letters S/S. The elevations of the side sewer connections shall be of sufficient depth to serve all existing and possible future structures.

#### **Rigid Pipe:**

Where no tee is provided or available at the sewer main, connection shall be made by machine-made tap and suitable saddle, or otherwise as approved by the District Engineer.

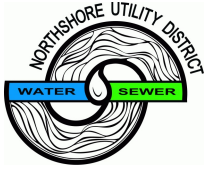
#### **Flexible Pipe:**

Where no tee is provided or available at the sewer main, a cut-in tee shall be installed with two (2) PVC couplings as approved by the District Engineer.

### **7. TESTING GRAVITY SEWERS**

Before sewer lines are accepted, all lines shall be inspected for line and grade, air tightness, deflection and television inspection. Any corrections required shall be made at the expense of the Contractor.

The first section of pipe not less than 300' in length installed by each crew shall be tested, in order to qualify the crew and/or the material. A successful installation of this first section shall be a prerequisite to further pipe installation by the crew. At the Contractor's option, crew and/or material qualification testing



may be performed at any time during the construction process after at least three feet of backfill has been placed over the pipe.

### **(a) PREPARATION FOR TESTING**

Prior to testing the Contractor shall clean and flush all sewer lines.

The Contractor shall conduct preliminary tests to confirm that the section to be tested is in an acceptable condition before requesting the District to witness the test. The manner and time of testing shall be subject to approval of the District.

### **(b) LINE AND GRADE**

Variance from established line and grade shall not be greater than one thirty-second ( $1/32$ ) of an inch per inch of pipe diameter and not to exceed one-half ( $1/2$ ) inch, provided that such variation does not result in a level or reverse sloping invert; provided, also, that variation in the invert elevation between adjoining ends of pipe, due to non-concentricity of joining surface and pipe interior surfaces, does not exceed one sixty-fourth ( $1/64$ ) of an inch per inch of pipe diameter, or one-half ( $1/2$ ) inch maximum.

### **(c) LOW PRESSURE AIR TEST**

Gravity sewers shall be tested with low pressure air, by the pressure drop method in accordance with Section 7-17.3(2)F, *Low Pressure Air Test for Sanitary Sewers Constructed of Non Air-Permeable Materials*, of the 2010 Standard Specifications for Road, Bridge and Municipal Construction of the Washington State Department of Transportation. The Contractor shall furnish all facilities and personnel for conducting the air test under the supervision of the District. The Contractor may desire to make an air test prior to backfilling for its own purposes. However, the acceptance air test shall be made after backfilling has been completed and compacted.

All wyes, tees or the end of the side sewer stubs shall be plugged with flexible joint caps, or acceptable alternative, securely fastened to withstand the internal test pressures. Such plugs or caps shall be readily removable and their removal shall provide a socket suitable for making a flexible, jointed lateral connection or extension. No double plugs shall be allowed.

Immediately following the pipe cleaning, the pipe installation shall be tested with low pressure air. A maximum reach to be tested shall be the reach between two consecutive manholes. Air shall be slowly supplied to the plugged pipe installation until the internal air pressure reaches 4.0 pounds per square inch greater than the average back pressure of any groundwater above the center of the pipe being tested. At least two



minutes shall be allowed for temperature stabilization before proceeding further.

The requirements of this specification shall be considered satisfied if the time required in seconds for the pressure to decrease from 3.5 to 2.5 lbs. per square inch greater than the average back pressure of any groundwater that may submerge the pipe is not less than the listed values shown in the following table:

**Allowable Time for Pressure Drop Method**

Diameter (inches)	Minimum Test Times for Length of Main (seconds)							
	50'	100'	150'	200'	250'	300'	350'	400'
8	144	286	428	570	712	854	908	908
10	222	444	666	888	1110	1134	1134	1134
12	320	640	960	1280	1360	1360	1360	1462
15	500	1000	1500	1700	1700	1714	1998	2284
18	720	1440	2040	2040	2056	2468	2878	3290
24	1280	2558	2720	2924	3654	4386	5116	5846

According to the following:

$$T = 4 * K, \text{ for } C < 1$$

$$T = 4 * (K/C), \text{ for } 1 \leq C < 1.75$$

$$T = 4 * (K/1.75), \text{ for } C \geq 1.75$$

Where:  $C = 0.0003918 * d * L$

$$K = 0.0111 * d^2 * L$$

$d$  = Pipe diameter (inches)  
 $L$  = Pipe length (feet)  
 $T$  = Minimum test time (seconds)

Note: All test times in the above table are rounded up to the nearest even number.

The use of air pressure for testing sewer lines creates hazards that must be recognized. The Contractor shall be certain that all plugs are securely blocked to prevent blowouts. The air testing apparatus shall be equipped with a pressure release device such as a rupture disc or a pressure relief valve designed to relieve pressure in the pipe under test at greater than 6 lbs. per square inch.

Precautions shall be taken to prevent any damage caused by testing. Any damage resulting shall be repaired by the Contractor at its own expense.



All visible leaks showing flowing water in pipelines or manholes shall be stopped even if the test results fall within the allowable leakage.

#### **(d) DEFLECTION TESTING**

If required by the District, all PVC sewer pipes shall be tested for deflection not less than 30 days after the trench backfilled and compacted has been completed. The testing shall be conducted by pulling a properly sized mandrel through the pipe in accordance with Section 7-17.3(2)G of the 2010 Standard Specifications for Road, Bridge and Municipal Construction of the Washington State Department of Transportation.

#### **(e) TELEVISION INSPECTION**

All sanitary sewers shall be inspected by the use of a Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) camera and footage provided to the District on DVD in MPEG1 format before final acceptance of the project. No VHS tapes will be accepted.

At the beginning of each sewer main inspection, the following information shall be electronically generated and displayed on the CCTV footage:

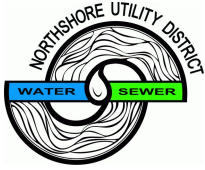
1. Date of inspection
2. Contractor Company Name
3. Operator Name
4. Upstream Manhole number to downstream manhole number
5. Direction of inspection (upstream or downstream)
6. Pipe material and size

During inspections, the following information shall be electronically generated, automatically updated, and displayed on the CCTV footage:

1. Inspection location in the sewer line in feet from adjusted zero
2. Manhole number to manhole number (with direction of travel US/DS)
3. Date of inspection
4. Elapsed time of inspection

Each individual sewer main inspection, from manhole-to-manhole, shall be recorded on one digital file. If a pipe reach cannot be recorded to a single digital file due to extreme pipe length or obstructions in the pipe, multiple digital files for a single pipe are acceptable. On the other hand, multiple sewer main inspections recorded on a single digital file shall not be accepted.

For District projects, the District will complete the initial or first CCTV inspection. Subsequent inspections required will be at the Contractor's expense.



For private development projects, all CCTV inspections shall be furnished by the Contractor.

This CCTV inspection will be performed prior to final restoration of the street or easement. The Contractor shall inform the District ahead of time when and which lines are ready to be inspected.

The Contractor shall bear all costs incurred in correcting any deficiencies found during the CCTV inspection including the cost of any additional CCTV inspection that may be required by the District to verify the correction of said deficiency.

The project will not be accepted by the District until the CCTV inspection has been performed.

## 8. TESTING SANITARY SEWER FORCE MAINS

### (a) TEST SPECIFICATIONS

The pressure tests shall be performed in the following manner:

Water shall be pumped into the main, bringing the pressure in the main equal to, or greater than, 1.5 times the design operating pressure. After a period of thirty minutes, water shall again be pumped into the main to bring the pressure up to the required test pressure and the quantity of water used during the test shall be accurately measured through a standard water service meter with a sweep unit hand that registers one gallon per revolution. The meter shall be approved by the District prior to testing. The allowable water consumption shall not exceed the quantities given by the following formula:

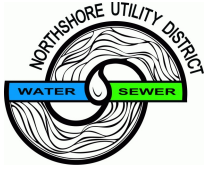
$$L = \frac{N \times D \times P}{1,850}$$

**Where:**

- L** = allowable leakage in gallons per hour
- N** = number of pipe joints
- D** = pipe diameter in inches
- P** = test pressure in pounds per square inch

A positive displacement type pump shall be furnished by the Contractor for the testing. Feed for the pump shall be from a container wherein the actual amount of "make-up" water can be measured.

Any leakage caused by defective workmanship or materials shall be repaired and the line shall again be tested to full compliance at the Contractor's expense. Concrete thrust blocking for fittings shall be in place and the concrete strength is sufficiently to withstand the test pressure before starting the test. Where permanent blocking is not



required, the Contractor shall furnish and install temporary blocking and remove it after testing. The test pressure shall be applied at the low end of the section of pipe being tested. Air in the pipe shall be vented at all high points.

All field equipment for testing as above described shall be furnished and operated by the Contractor, subject to approval by the District.

The Contractor shall conduct preliminary tests and assure itself that the section to be tested is in an acceptable condition before requesting the District Engineer to witness the test.

**(b) FORCE MAIN Thrust Blocks**

All fittings, such as bends, shall be blocked with concrete in order to prevent movement and separation of pipe joints in accordance with the Water Standard Details for concrete thrust blocking. Sufficient time shall be allowed for the concrete to attain sufficient strength before commencement of pressure tests.

**9. MANHOLE VACUUM TESTING**

All manholes shall be vacuum tested in accordance with ASTM C1244-05 to verify water tightness. All manhole penetrations shall be blocked or sealed and braced prior to the testing in order to prevent pipes, boots, gaskets or any other materials from being drawn into the manhole. A vacuum of ten (10) inches of Hg shall be drawn on the manhole and the vacuum pump shut off. The time for the vacuum on the manhole to drop from ten (10) inches of Hg to nine (9) shall be measured and the manhole shall have passed the vacuum test if the time measured is greater than shown in the following table:

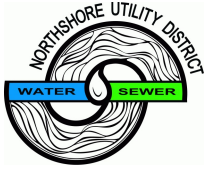
**Minimum Test Times for MH Vacuum Testing**

MH Diameter (inches)	Depth (feet)									
	8 or less	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26
	Time (seconds)									
<b>48</b>	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	59	64
<b>54</b>	23	29	35	41	46	52	53	64	64	75

If the time required for the pressure to drop from 10 inches of Hg to 9 inches of Hg is less than the value indicated in the table, the manhole shall be rejected by the District and shall be repaired or replaced and re-tested by the Contractor.

**10. LAYING DUCTILE IRON WATER MAIN**

All pipes shall be installed in accordance with these specifications and the instructions of the manufacturer subject to the approval of the District.



Unless otherwise indicated on the plans, minimum cover shall be 3' for 8" diameter pipe and smaller, and 4' for pipe that is larger than 8" in diameter.

All pipe ends shall be square with the longitudinal axis of the pipe and any damage to the ends shall be cut off before installation, if approved by the District. Where necessary to cut the pipe, the pipe shall be cut with approved cutting tools.

The pipe shall be laid in a straight grade through localized breaks in grade, the excavation shall be deepened gradually at changes in the street grades so that there are no abrupt changes in pipeline grade. To maintain the required alignment, use short lengths and deflect the joints or use necessary bends.

Each pipe section shall be carefully lowered into place in the ditch after inspecting it for defects and removing any gravel or dirt, etc., from the interior of the pipe.

Where it is necessary to cross sanitary sewer or storm sewer trenches, all trench backfill shall be removed and replaced with mechanically compacted pit run material or CDF in order to provide a uniform support for the full length of the pipe.

A 10-foot horizontal separation must be maintained between all sanitary sewer lines and water lines. A 3-foot minimum horizontal separation shall be maintained between other underground utilities, unless otherwise approved.

All pipe shall be kept free of gravel, dirt and other contaminants. Temporary pipe plugs must be installed at all exposed pipe ends at the end of each working day. The pipe plug must be a water tight, mechanical device, and shall be cleaned thoroughly prior to installation.

## **11. GALVANIZED IRON PIPE**

Galvanized iron pipe and fittings shall be threaded. Joints shall be made up in accordance with good plumbing practice. All threads shall be coated with pipe thread sealer before connecting.

## **12. CONCRETE BLOCKING**

Concrete blocking shall be 2500psi minimum strength, cast in place and have a minimum of 1/2 square foot bearing against the fitting. Blocking shall bear against fittings only and shall be clear of joints so as to permit taking up or dismantling joint. The Contractor shall install blocking which is adequate to withstand full test pressure as well as to continuously stand operating pressures under all conditions of service. For concrete blocking based upon a 250 psi test pressure, see the Standard Details.



### **13. FIRE HYDRANT INSTALLATION**

Fire hydrant shall be set as shown in the Standard Detail. Mega-lugs or stainless steel tie rods shall be used to restrain the ductile iron pipe between the hydrant foot and the 6" hydrant valve.

The location of the fire hydrant shall be shown on the plans to determine length of hydrant run required. The hydrant shall be set on a solid concrete block 4"x8"x16" and a minimum of 6 cubic feet of clean gravel shall be placed around the base of the hydrant for a drain pocket.

Fire hydrants shall be set plumb and with the ports oriented as directed by the Fire Protection District having jurisdiction over said area.

In some instances, it may be necessary to make a cut or provide a fill to set a hydrant. Where this occurs, the area for at least a three (3) foot radius around the hydrant shall be graded and leveled, and the cut slopes or fill slopes shall be neatly graded by hand, unless otherwise approved by the District and the Fire Chief.

No tool other than an approved hydrant-operating wrench shall be used when operating hydrants.

Fire hydrants shall be prime-coated and finish coated in accordance with the Standard Detail.

### **14. GUARD POST INSTALLATION**

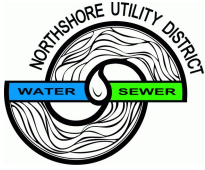
Fire hydrant guard posts shall be installed if indicated on the plans or specified by the District. Guard posts shall be set with the top of the guard posts level with bonnet flange of the fire hydrant. They shall be plumb, and where two posts are used at a hydrant, they shall be set with their tops at the same elevation. The posts shall be coated in the same manner and with the same color as the fire hydrants.

### **15. GATE VALVE AND BUTTERFLY VALVE INSTALLATION**

Gate and butterfly valves shall be set in the ground vertically and shall be opened and shut under pressure to check operation and, at the same time, show no leakage. Valves 8 inches and larger that are not flanged to other fittings shall be blocked in accordance with the Standard Blocking Details.

### **16. VALVE BOX INSTALLATION**

Valve boxes shall be set flush to the adjacent finished grade.



For valves located outside of paved areas, an asphalt pad for the valve box shall be constructed according to the Standard Detail. The asphalt pad shall be provided for all valves, unless otherwise directed.

## **17. AIR AND VACUUM RELIEF VALVE INSTALLATION**

Air and vacuum relief valve assembly shall be installed as shown on the Standard Detail.

Location of the air release valves shall be at the high points of the line. Water line must be constructed so that the air release valve may be installed in a convenient location.

## **18. 2-INCH BLOW-OFF INSTALLATION**

2" Blow-offs shall be installed for 12" diameter pipe and smaller in accordance with the Standard Detail.

## **19. LOCATING WIRE**

All water mains and side services installed shall have 14-gauge solid copper wire with neoprene coating. Wire shall be placed in the trench over the water main and the ends brought up into the valve boxes. Locating wire shall also be placed over the water service line and brought up into the meter box. All connections or splicing shall be made with District approved split-bolt wire connectors.

## **20. WATER SERVICE INSTALLATION**

All service installations shall be according to the Standard Details.

## **21. HYDROSTATIC TESTS**

After backfilling the water main with sufficient material to prevent movement of the pipeline and allowing sufficient time for the concrete blocking to set, the water main shall be pressure tested in convenient lengths as directed by the District. In general, new mains shall be tested between valves and large sections of untested main will not be permitted to accumulate.

The pipeline shall be filled by the District with water slowly and air expelled from the pipeline prior to starting the test. All pipelines shall be tested at a hydrostatic pressure of 250 psi at high point. All necessary pump, valves, meter gauges, piping, 2" blow-offs, hose and labor required shall be furnished by the Contractor.

The pressure tests shall be performed in the following manner:



Water shall be pumped into the main, bringing the pressure in the main up to the required test pressure. After a period of one hour, water shall again be pumped into the main to bring the pressure up to the required test pressure and the quantity of water used during the test shall be accurately measured through a standard water service meter with a sweep unit hand that registers one gallon per revolution. The meter shall be approved by the District prior to any testing. The allowable water consumption shall not exceed the quantities as shown in the following table.

### Allowable Water Consumption

Pipe Diameter (inches)	Allowable Water Leakage (gallons per hour/1000 feet of pipe)
2	0.21
4	0.42
6	0.63
8	0.84
12	1.26
16	1.68
18	1.89
Larger Sizes	As determined by District

All visible leakage shall be corrected and all new valves installed under these specifications shall be tight.

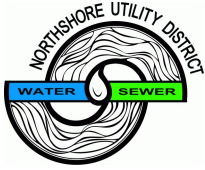
Any pressure drop during the test period shall not be abrupt under any circumstances and the District shall be the sole judge as to whether the pressure drop is acceptable for the conditions existing in the pipeline being tested.

Whenever repairs or corrections are necessary, the pressure test shall be repeated to provide acceptability.

## 22. STERILIZATION AND FLUSHING OF WATER MAIN

Upon successful completion of the hydrostatic test, all new water mains and repaired portions of, or extensions to, mains shall be flushed and sampled for purity. The District will collect samples for testing and will forward the bacteriological test results to the Contractor. Only upon receipt of a satisfactory bacteriological report will the Contractor be allowed to make connections to the existing main.

Water supply for filling, testing and flushing of the new mains will be available from the existing distribution system. The Contractor shall make arrangements with the District for the necessary flushing of the pipeline. Opening of valves and



use of water from the District's system will be done by the District and water for flushing will be provided by the District.

Taps required by the Contractor for temporary or permanent release of air, chlorination or flushing purposes shall be provided by the Contractor as a part of the construction of water mains.

### **(a) DECHLORINATION AND DISPOSAL OF TREATED WATER**

Unless otherwise specified, the District shall be responsible for disposal of treated water flushed from mains and shall neutralize the wastewater for protection of aquatic life in the receiving water before disposal into any natural drainage channel.

### **(b) REQUIREMENT OF CHLORINE**

Before being placed into service, all new mains and repaired portions of, or extensions to, existing mains shall be chlorinated by the Contractor so that a chlorine residual of not less than 10 ppm remains in the water after standing 24 hours in the pipe.

The initial chlorine content of the water shall be not less than 50 ppm.

### **(c) FORM OF APPLIED CHLORINE**

Chlorine shall be applied by one of the following methods, to give a dosage of not less than 50 ppm of available chlorine.

#### **1. DRY CALCIUM HYPOCHLORITE**

As each length of pipe is laid, sufficient high test calcium hypochlorite (65-70% chlorine) shall be placed in the pipe to yield a dosage of not less than 50 ppm available chlorine, calculated on the volume of the water which the pipe and appurtenances will contain.

The number of ounces of 65% test calcium hypochlorite required for a 20-foot length of pipe equals  $0.008431D^2$ , in which "D" is the diameter in inches.

#### **2. LIQUID CHLORINE**

A chlorine gas-water mixture shall be applied by means of a solution-feed chlorinating device, or the dry gas may be fed directly through proper devices for regulating the rate of flow and providing effective diffusion of the gas into the water within the pipe being treated.

Chlorinating devices for feeding solution of the chlorine gas, or the gas



itself, must provide means for preventing the backflow of water into the chlorine.

### 3. CHLORINE-BEARING COMPOUNDS IN WATER

A mixture of water and high-test calcium hypochlorite (65-70% Cl) may be substituted for the chlorine gas-water mixture. The dry powder shall first be mixed as a paste and then thinned to a 1 per cent chlorine solution by adding water to give a total quantity of 7.5 gallons of water per pound of dry powder. This solution shall be injected in one end of the section of main to be disinfected while filling the main with water.

### 4. SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE

Sodium hypochlorite, commercial grade (15% Cl) or in the form of liquid household bleach (5% Cl) may be substituted for the chlorine gas-water mixture.

This liquid chlorine compound may be used full strength or diluted with water and injected into the main in correct proportion to the fill water so that dosage applied to the water will be at least 50 ppm.

#### **(d) PREVENTING REVERSE FLOW**

During flushing, filling and testing, the District shall make the connections to the existing distribution system and the new water pipelines and shall utilize a backflow prevention device approved by the State Department of Health.

#### **(e) RETENTION PERIOD**

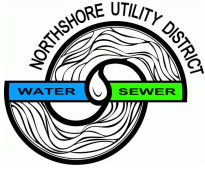
Treated water shall be retained in the pipe for a minimum of 24 hours and a maximum of 48 hours. After this period, the chlorine residual at pipe extremities and at other representative points shall be at least 10 parts per million.

#### **(f) CHLORINATING VALVES AND HYDRANTS**

In the process of chlorinating newly-laid pipe, all hydrant valves and other appurtenances shall be opened while the pipeline is filled with the chlorinating agent and under normal operating pressure.

#### **(g) CHLORINATING FINAL CONNECTIONS TO EXISTING WATER MAINS AND SERVICE CONNECTIONS**

The chlorinating procedure to be followed shall be as specified by AWWA. All closure fittings shall be swabbed with a 50 ppm minimum chlorine solution.



### **(h) FINAL FLUSING AND TESTING**

Before placing the lines into service, a satisfactory bacteriological test report shall be received.

### **(i) REPETITION OF FLUSHING AND TESTING**

Should the initial treatment result in an unsatisfactory bacteriological test, repeat flushing and testing shall be completed by the District. Should the second test fail, the costs for subsequent disinfection and testing shall be the responsibility of the Contractor.

## **23. CONNECTION TO EXISTING WATER MAIN**

The Contractor shall not operate any gate valves on the water system. Connections to the existing main shall not occur until satisfactory purity tests have been obtained and without approval of the District.

The Contractor shall make the necessary arrangements with the District for the connection to the existing water main.

Water service outages shall be limited to a four-hour duration in order to minimize inconvenience to water users and maintain fire protection for the area. The Contractor shall provide a minimum of 72 hours notice to the District prior to the required shutdown. The District will alert affected property owners of the proposed service interruptions.

Existing mains shall be kept in operation until the new main has been constructed, satisfactorily tested and disinfected and is ready for operation. Connections to the existing system shall then be made.

All material used for the connection shall be thoroughly sterilized by swabbing the interior with a chlorine solution of 50 ppm.

## **24. STEEL CASING**

Steel casing shall be in accordance with the Materials of Construction and the Standard Details.

Sizing and wall thickness of casing shall be approved by the District.

Jacking and boring of casing pipe shall be accomplished in such a manner that there will be no damage to the existing improvements. Boring shall be accomplished by mechanical augering or drilling of the soil. The casing shall be jacked close enough behind the boring operation so there is no caving of soil



from above. Removal of the material from the bored hole by washing or sluicing will not be permitted.

If excess voids are created around the casing, holes shall be drilled through the casing and the voids shall be pumped full of cement grout. All excess excavated material shall be disposed of in a manner acceptable to the District and permitting agencies.

The carrier pipe shall be supported on casing spacers at 10 ft. maximum spacing and shall be installed with restrained joints. See the Engineering Specifications, Materials of Construction and the Standard Detail for additional information.

## **25. EXCAVATION AND BACKFILL FOR UTILITY CONSTRUCTION**

### **(a) TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL**

The Contractor shall make suitable, safe, and adequate provision for necessary traffic around, over, or across the work in progress and shall schedule pavement patching to follow after backfill is completed as directed by regulatory agency.

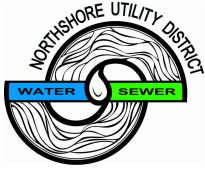
The contractor shall submit a traffic control plan for review and approval by the District and the permitting agency prior to beginning work. Traffic control shall conform to Section 1-10 of the 2010 Standard Specifications for Road, Bridge and Municipal Construction of the Washington State Department of Transportation.

### **(b) EXCAVATING IN PAVED AREAS**

Prior to excavating in paved areas, the existing road surface shall be cut a minimum of 1' back from the outer edge of the excavation with approved cutting equipment. The cuts are to be made in clean, straight lines to insure a minimum of damage to the existing pavements. All cuts in existing concrete pavement are to be made with a concrete saw, except that where the concrete has been overlaid with asphalt, the pavement may be drilled on three (3) inch centers 1' (minimum) from the outer edge of the excavation on each side of the trench section. If the Contractor fails to adequately protect the cut edges during construction, it will be required, at its own expense, to re-cut the edges a minimum of 1' back from the edge of excavation prior to repairing the pavement.

### **(c) TRENCH SAFETY AND EXCAVATION**

Contractor shall provide and install trench safety systems such as shoring or trench boxes or shall employ construction techniques such back sloping that meet the applicable State and Federal safety regulations.



Use and removal of trench safety systems shall be accomplished in such a manner that there will be no damage to the work or to the other properties.

Maximum and minimum trench widths shall be in accordance with the dimensions shown on the Standard Details.

In all cases, trenches must be of sufficient width to permit proper joining of the pipe and backfilling of material along the sides of the pipe. Trench width at the surface of the ground shall be kept to the minimum amount necessary for proper installation of the work in a safe manner.

Trenches wider than the maximum specified may result in a greater load on the pipe and, consequently, if the maximum trench width is exceeded by the Contractor, the Contractor shall, at its own expense, provide pipe of higher strength classification or provide a higher class of bedding where necessary to assure that the pipe will not be overloaded.

The maximum length of open trench permissible on any line, in advance of pipe laying, will be 100 feet for sewer pipe and 250 feet for water mains, except at the end of each day's operations, there shall be no trench in which pipe laying, embedment and backfill have not been completed.

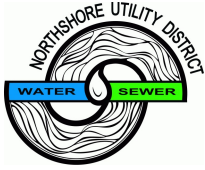
Upon completion of work each day, all open trenches shall be completely backfilled, leveled and temporarily patched, graveled, fenced, or sheeted as required by the regulatory agency and the District.

Excavation for manholes, valves, structures and other appurtenances shall be sufficient to provide enough room for compaction equipment between the outside surfaces and the sides of the excavation.

All material excavated from trenches and stored adjacent to trench or in a roadway or public thoroughfare shall be maintained in such manner that will cause a minimum of inconvenience to public travel. Provision shall be made for traffic where such is necessary. Free access shall be provided to all fire hydrants, water valves, and meters and clearance shall be left to enable the free flow of storm water in all gutters, conduits, and natural water courses. Where the trench bottom is a material which is unsuitable for providing an adequate foundation or material which will make it difficult to obtain uniform bearing for the pipe such material shall be removed and replaced with "foundation gravel", as previously defined.

#### **(d) PIPE BEDDING AND TRENCH BACKFILL**

The placement and compaction of the pipe bedding and trench backfill shall be in accordance with the requirements of the various applicable sections of these specifications and as shown on Standard Details.



Where excavated material is not approved for backfill or bedding, imported backfill gravel conforming to the Materials of Construction shall be provided

Where governmental agencies other than the District have jurisdiction over roadways, the backfill shall be in accordance with the agencies requirements.

Bedding material shall be carefully placed and firmly compacted to provide a firm, uniform cradle for the pipe. The minimum thickness of the layer of bedding material required shall be 4 inches under the bell for all pipe sizes of 27 inches diameter and smaller, 6 inches for all pipe sizes 30 inches diameter and larger and 6 inches under the bell of the pipe for all diameter pipes where rock is excavated. The Contractor shall provide firm, continuous support for the pipe.

After the pipe laying operation, additional bedding material shall be placed and compacted by hand tools for the full width of the trench to a height of 6" above the top of the pipe.

In backfilling the trench, the Contractor shall take all necessary precautions to protect the pipe and protective coating from any damage or shifting of the pipe.

No timber bracing, lagging, sheathing or other lumber shall be left in any excavation.

At all roadway and driveway crossings and within existing paved rights-of-way and in such additional locations as may be directed by the District, the trench shall be immediately backfilled after the pipe is installed and inspected and shall be immediately provided with a temporarily graveled surface and continually maintained on a daily basis until replaced with permanent repair as required.

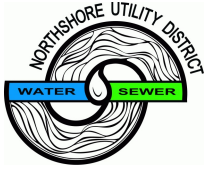
The Contractor shall be responsible for restoring to a condition equal to the prior condition of any and all existing utilities, culverts, ditches, drains, landscaping or other facilities which are damaged as a result of the Contractor's operation.

## **26. COMPACTION OF TRENCH BACKFILL**

### **(a) TRENCHING PARALLEL TO ROAD ALIGNMENT**

All trench backfill under roadway shall be mechanically compacted to 95% of maximum dry density.

In any trench in which 95% density cannot be achieved with existing backfill, the existing backfill shall be replaced with imported gravel backfill



as specified in the Engineering Specifications. The imported gravel backfill shall be mechanically compacted to 95% of maximum dry density for the full depth of the trench.

All backfill material shall be compacted in 24" maximum lifts using heavy machinery or 12" maximum lifts using hand equipment.

### **(b) TRENCHING TRANSVERSE TO ROAD ALIGNMENT**

For transverse trenching locations, such as side sewers and intersections, the entire trench shall be backfilled with 1-1/4" minus crushed rock per the Engineering Specifications and placed in the maximum lifts listed above in Section 5.25 (a) and compacted to 95% of maximum dry density.

The moisture content of all soils used shall be within 2% of optimum. All densities shall be determined by the ASTM D-1557 (Modified Proctor) test procedure. The District will conduct on-site materials sampling and in-place density testing for all District projects. For private development projects, all testing is to be provided and paid for by the developer. The Contractor shall coordinate the testing with the District and shall provide convenient and safe access to the site and the trench for sampling and testing.

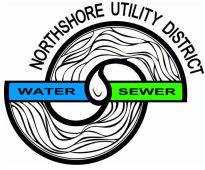
## **27. REPLACING ROAD SURFACE**

The Contractor shall restore all roadway and driveway surfaces and features excavated or disturbed to a condition acceptable to the District and the governmental agency having control of the road.

All work in County right-of-way shall be subject to the approval of the King County. All work in the City street right-of-way shall be subject to approval of the City.

Paving restoration consists of two steps. The first step is installation of a temporary cold mix patch to be maintained until all work and other restoration is complete or up to 30 days. The second step is installation and sealing of the permanent pavement trench patch.

This work shall consist of the preparation, placing and compaction of subgrade and the patching of various types of pavement cuts to the complete resurfacing of roadways, the performance of which shall be in accordance with the requirements outlined herein. Roadway surface restoration and patching shall be in accordance with the 2010 Standard Specifications for Road, Bridge and Municipal Construction of the Washington State Department of Transportation, unless specifically directed otherwise by the District.



Before patching material is placed, all pavement cuts shall be trued so that marginal lines of the patch will form a rectangle with straight edges and vertical faces a minimum of one (1) foot back from the maximum trench width.

The Contractor shall maintain proper signs, barricades, lights and other warning devices in accordance with the traffic control plan.

#### **(a) GRAVEL BASE**

Gravel base for road restoration shall conform to the Materials of Construction specifications and shall be placed and compacted in conformance with Sections 2 and 9 of the 2010 Standard Specifications for Road, Bridge and Municipal Construction of the Washington State Department of Transportation. Gravel base shall be placed and compacted before succeeding course material is placed.

Gravel base shall be used as shown on the plans or as directed by the District.

#### **(b) ASPHALT CONCRETE SURFACING**

Asphalt concrete surfacing or repair shall be asphalt concrete pavement, HMA Class ½" PG58-22, according to the Materials of Construction and shall be placed in accordance with Section 5-04 the 2010 Standard Specifications for Road, Bridge and Municipal Construction of the Washington State Department of Transportation and the Standard Specification Drawing for Permanent Asphalt Concrete Patch. All edges and joints of asphalt concrete pavement repair shall be sealed with asphalt cement. After pavement is in place, all joints shall be sealed with SS-1, or equal.

#### **(c) CEMENT CONCRETE PAVEMENT**

Concrete shall be as specified in the Materials of Construction and shall be placed in accordance with Section 5-05 of the 2010 Standard Specifications for Road, Bridge and Municipal Construction of the Washington State Department of Transportation. Concrete cylinder samples will be taken by the District for the purpose of testing the compressive strength of the concrete to meet the standards as defined by the regulatory agency. Subgrades shall be prepared as shown on the plans and in compliance with the 2010 Standard Specifications for Road, Bridge and Municipal Construction of the Washington State Department of Transportation.

All reinforcing steel shall conform with and be placed in accordance with Section 5-05 of the 2010 Standard Specifications for Road, Bridge and



Municipal Construction of the Washington State Department of Transportation and shall conform to the requirements of ASTM Designation A-15 and A-305, latest revisions.

#### **(d) RIGID-TYPE PAVEMENTS RESURFACED WITH ASPHALT**

Those areas that now have a Portland cement concrete base and are surfaced with the asphalt concrete mat shall be replaced in kind. The surface of the cement concrete portion of the patch shall be left low enough to accommodate the asphalt portion of the patch. Brush finishing will not be required. Joints shall be placed as directed by the District. The asphalt concrete surface mat and the Portland cement concrete base shall be as specified in the Materials of Construction. Both the base and the surface mat shall be carefully prepared, placed and cured in full compliance with Section 5-04.3 of the 2010 Standard Specifications for Road, Bridge and Municipal Construction of the Washington State Department of Transportation.

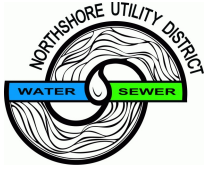
Asphalt concrete or bituminous plant mix shall not be placed until the day after the cement concrete has been placed unless otherwise permitted by the District. The edges of the existing asphalt pavements and castings shall be painted with hot asphalt cement or asphalt emulsion immediately before placing the asphalt patching material. The asphalt concrete pavement shall then be placed, leveled and compacted to conform to the adjacent paved surface. Immediately thereafter, all joints between the new and original asphalt pavement shall be painted with hot asphalt or asphalt emulsion and be covered with dry paving sand before the asphalt solidifies.

#### **(e) SHOULDER, GRAVEL SURFACES**

Shoulders, gravel driveways, and all other gravel surfaced areas disturbed by construction shall be repaired with a minimum 2 inch lift of 3/4 inch minus crushed rock (top course crushed surfacing). Immediately prior to placement of the gravel, the drainage ditch, shoulders and/or driveways shall be graded to the original smooth contours existing prior to the construction of sewer lines in the area. The gravel shall then be placed and compacted in accordance with the applicable State Highway Standard Specifications.

Crushed surfacing shall be in accordance with Materials of Construction.

Final crushed surfacing shall be placed within 30 days after construction disturbance unless otherwise specified or directed by the District.



## **28. ADJUSTMENT OF NEW AND EXISTING UTILITY STRUCTURES TO GRADE**

This work consists of constructing and/or adjusting all new and existing utility structures encountered on the project to finished grade.

The castings shall not be adjusted until the pavement is completed, at which time the center of each casting shall be relocated from references previously established by the Contractor. The pavement shall be cut as further described and base material removed to permit removal of the casting. The casting shall then be brought to proper grade.

Prior to commencing manhole adjustments, a plywood and visqueen cover, as approved by the District, shall be placed over the manhole base and channel to protect them from debris.

The asphalt concrete pavement shall be cut and removed to a neat circle, the diameter of which shall not exceed 6" from the outside diameter of the casting frame. The casting frame shall be brought up to desired grade, which shall conform to surrounding road surface. For manholes, adjustment to desired grade shall be made with the use of concrete adjustment rings or bricks. No iron adjustment rings will be allowed. An approved class of mortar (one part cement to two parts of plaster sand) shall be placed between adjustment rings or bricks and casting frame to completely fill all voids and to provide a watertight seal. No rough or uneven surfaces will be permitted inside or out. Adjustment rings or brick shall be placed and aligned so as to provide vertical sides and vertical alignment of ladder steps (if steps are necessary).

Check manhole specifications and the Standard Details for minimum and maximum manhole adjustment and step requirements. Special care shall be exercised in all operations in order not to damage the manhole, frames and lids or other existing facilities.

The annular space between the casting and the pavement shall be filled with crushed rock and compacted with hand tamper to within 2" of the top of the frame. Asphalt concrete patching shall not be carried out during wet ground conditions or when air temperature is below 50°. Asphalt concrete mix must be at the temperature as specified by the regulatory agency when placed. Before making the asphalt concrete repair, the edges of the existing asphalt concrete pavement and the outer edge of the casting shall be tack coated with hot asphalt cement. The remaining 2" shall then be filled with Class B asphalt concrete and compacted with hand tampers and a patching roller.



The completed patch shall match the existing paved surface for texture, density and uniformity of grade. The joint between the patch and the existing pavement shall then be carefully painted with hot asphalt cement or asphalt emulsion and shall be immediately covered with dry paving sand before asphalt cement solidifies. Before acceptance of a job, castings shall be cleaned of all debris and foreign material. All ladders must be cleaned free of grout. Any damage occurring to the existing facilities due to the Contractor's operations shall be repaired at its own expense.

## **29. HAZARD OF ASBESTOS CEMENT PIPE REMOVAL**

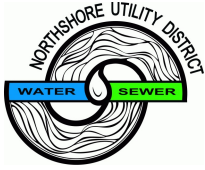
To remove existing asbestos cement pipe from the trench, permitting as determined by regulatory agencies is required.

## **30. RIGHT-OF-WAY MONUMENTS AND LOT MARKERS**

Contractor shall take necessary precautions to locate and protect existing markers, property corners, monuments and other reference points that may be affected by construction. Each such marker shall be identified, and if it is necessary for the marker to be removed due to construction then the following procedure shall apply:

- § The Contractor shall notify the District of the location of the marker at least three days prior to any construction which may affect the marker.
- § If the marker is for survey use, or if requested by the District, a qualified, licensed land surveyor shall be scheduled by District to establish reference points and eventually reset the marker.
- § If the marker is within the right-of-way or easement limits for the Work, the District will pay for the required survey work and recording of survey.
- § If the marker is at the edge of or outside the right-of-way or easement limits for the Work, Contractor shall pay for the required survey work and recording of survey.

The Contractor shall not knowingly remove any such marker before such marker can be referenced by a land surveyor. All survey costs for replacing markers and recording of survey shall be paid by Contractor if such markers are removed by Contractor prior to proper referencing by a land surveyor. The Contractor will not be entitled to any delay costs for referencing an existing marker unless its work is physically delayed by the referencing work, and a minimum of 72 hours (3 working days) notice has been previously given to District of the existence of the marker and the need for it to be referenced.



### **31. RE-DESIGN OF LINES**

Should interferences or obstructions create construction difficulties that the District determines shall require redesign or relocation of the lines, the District will prepare the necessary revised drawings.

### **32. GRASS SEEDING AND SOD**

Areas of existing grass and all areas disturbed by construction which do not receive a specific type of restoration, such as paving, rock, or bark, shall be reseeded, or restored with sod as specified.

The Contractor shall be responsible for providing a finished grass area, which meets the approval of the property District and the District.

The Contractor shall maintain the grass, including furnishing water and mowing, until project approval, unless otherwise specified.

#### **(a) TOPSOIL**

All areas to be seeded, reseeded or sodded shall be provided with 4" minimum depth of topsoil. Topsoil used shall be imported and shall be subject to approval by the District. Prior to providing topsoil, all areas shall be raked smooth and all debris removed and disposed. The topsoil shall be tilled to a depth sufficient to key into the subsoil, raked to a smooth and even grade without low areas to trap water and compacted.

The Contractor shall notify the engineer not less than 24 hours in advance of any seeding or sodding operation and shall not begin seeding or sodding until areas prepared or designated have been approved by the District.

#### **(b) SEEDING AND FERTILIZING**

Prior to beginning seeding operations, the contractor shall submit seed mix and rate of application to the District for approval.

Seeding shall not be done during windy weather or when the ground is frozen, excessively wet or otherwise untillable.

Seed and fertilizer may be sown by one of the following methods:

1. An approved hydroseeder in accordance with the 2010 Standard Specifications for Road, Bridge and Municipal Construction of the Washington State Department of Transportation.



2. Hand methods where allowed by the District in areas that are impossible to hydroseed. Seed shall be applied after the fertilizer and shall be raked into the top one (1) inch of the fertilized topsoil. Immediately following the raking of the seed into the soil, the total area shall be covered with District approved mulch and shall be rolled with a water-filled roller.

The seed shall have a tracer added to visibly aid uniform application. The tracer shall not be harmful to plant and animal life. If wood cellulose fiber is used as a tracer the application rate shall not exceed 250 lbs. per acre.

Fertilizer shall be provided and applied in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. The Contractor shall submit for approval a guaranteed fertilizer analysis label for the specified product.

Unless otherwise specified, seeding, fertilizing and mulching shall be completed between April 15 to June 1 and August 15 to October 15.

### **(c) GRASS SOD**

Sod shall be provided at all locations of established lawn disturbed by construction activities and at other locations as indicated on the plans.

Sod strips shall be placed within 48 hours of being cut. Placement shall be without voids and the end joints shall be staggered. The sod shall be rolled with a smooth roller following placement.

## **33. FINISHING AND CLEANUP**

Before acceptance of the project, all pipes, manholes, catch basins, and other appurtenances shall be cleaned of all debris and foreign material. After all other work on the project is completed and before final acceptance, the entire roadway, including the roadbed, planting, sidewalk areas, shoulders, driveways, alley and side street approaches, slopes, ditches, utility trenches, and construction areas shall be neatly finished to the lines, grades and cross-sections shown on the plans and as hereinafter specified.

In undeveloped areas, the entire area which has been disturbed by the construction shall be shaped so that, upon completion, the area will present a uniform appearance, blending into the contour of the adjacent properties. All other requirements outlined previously shall be met. Slopes, sidewalk areas, planting areas and roadway shall be smoothed and finished to the required cross-section and grade.



Upon completion of the cleaning and dressing, the project shall appear uniform in all respects. All graded areas shall be true to line and grade as shown on the typical sections and as required by the District.

All rocks in excess of one (1) inch diameter shall be removed from the entire construction area and shall be disposed of the same as required for other waste material. In no instance, shall the rock be thrown onto private property. Overhang on slopes shall be removed and slopes dressed neatly so as to present a uniform, well sloped surface.

All excavated material at the outer lateral limits of the project shall be removed entirely. All debris resulting from clearing and grubbing or grading operations shall be removed and disposed.

Drainage facilities, such as inlets, catch basins, culverts, and open ditches, shall be cleaned of all debris resulting from the Contractor's operations.

All pavements and oil mat surfaces, whether new or old, shall be thoroughly cleaned. Existing improvements, such as Portland cement concrete curbs, curb and gutters, walls, sidewalks, and other facilities which have been sprayed by the asphalt cement shall be cleaned to the satisfaction of the District.

Castings for manholes, monuments, water valves, lamp poles, vaults, and other similar installations which have been covered with the asphalt material shall be cleaned to the satisfaction of the District.