

SECTION: TRANSPORTATION

SUBJECT: RURAL WATER COOP  
ASSISTANCE

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### **Rural Raw Water Coop Assistance Policy**

It is the policy of the County of Warner to assist RURAL RAW WATER COOPS within the County of Warner No. 5 with the maintenance and repair of their raw water lines by supplying equipment and manpower to excavate leaks to make the necessary repairs. This service is provided due to the rural raw water coops having difficulty finding private contractors to conduct the work in a timely fashion. This County service is to be utilized as a last resort by the Rural Raw Water Coops.

#### **Guidelines**

1. After a Rural Raw Water Coop has been unsuccessful in obtaining the services of a private contractor to excavate the leak, they may approach the County Public Works Department to supply the equipment and manpower to assist them in the excavation of the water line. Other reasons for requesting the County's assistance is the contractor's price may be considered unreasonable or the contractor is unable to meet the requested date for repair.
2. The Rural Raw Water Coop is responsible to supply the following:
  - a. Locate the leak or area to be repaired,
  - b. Provide a Supervisor at the repair site,
  - c. All materials for the repair, as well as any specialized equipment to tap into the raw water lines.
  - d. Sufficient laborer(s) to tap into the raw water mains and to conduct the pipe repair.
  - e. Contact "First Call" to insure buried utility lines have been located and marked.
3. The County is responsible to supply the following:
  - a. A backhoe with a qualified operator to excavate the trench or repair area only,
  - b. Tractor trailer unit to haul the backhoe, and
  - c. A laborer to assist the back hoe operator.
4. The County is supplying the equipment and men only for excavation purposes and assumes no responsibility for the pipeline repair, installation and grades required for any raw water line repairs.
5. The County will excavate the trench as directed by the Rural Raw Water Coop and the excavation work will be performed in a competent and safe manner and in accordance with Occupational Health and Safety regulations.
6. The Rural Raw Water Coop agrees to pay the County within thirty (30) days for the services provided upon being invoiced. The County's cost will be based upon the County's current construction rates for the equipment required and the manpower supplied.
7. The County supplies the equipment and the manpower to operate the equipment only.
8. In the rare exception, where the Rural Raw Water Coop operator is unable to organize or assist in the repairs, the County's Public Works Department, as a last resort, will undertake the repairs through its own forces or through a private contractor. All costs associated with the repair will be the responsibility of the rural raw water coop.