



Excavating Authorization Form

The Excavating Authorization Form is a critical document that allows Eau Claire Energy Cooperative (ECEC) to perform excavation on a property for the installation of electrical facilities. By signing this form, the property owner acknowledges and authorizes the excavation work and accepts certain responsibilities to ensure the safety and integrity of both existing and new installations.

Key Responsibilities of the Property Owner:

1. **Identification and Marking of Underground Facilities:** The property owner must identify, mark, and expose any privately owned underground facilities that could be damaged during excavation. Facilities that ECEC and Digger's Hotline will NOT locate include:
 - Sewer lines
 - Septic systems
 - Drain fields
 - Water lines
 - Satellite/cable TV lines
 - Irrigation lines
 - Private telephone lines
 - Wires to outbuildings, private lighting circuits, wells, security systems, intercoms, ground rods, and couplers
 - Culverts
 - Vegetation/weed barriers
 - L.P. gas lines

It's essential to note that this list is not exhaustive; other unlisted facilities may also be present on the property.

2. **Removal and Replacement of Structures:** If any retaining walls or fences need to be removed or replaced due to the excavation, it is the property owner's responsibility to handle these tasks.
3. **Liability for Damages:** The property owner agrees not to hold ECEC liable for any damages to underground facilities that were not properly identified, marked, and exposed. This responsibility remains regardless of who performs the location services.
4. **Service Entrance and Grading:** The property owner must ensure that the service entrance is in place and that the area where the cable is to be installed is within four inches of the final grade. This area should remain undisturbed after the cable installation.

5. **Restrictions on Construction Over Cables:** No permanent structures such as porches, garages, concrete driveways, swimming pools, patios, decks, or similar structures should be constructed over the installed cable. If such construction occurs, any costs associated with relocating the cable will be charged to the property owner.
6. **Awareness of Environmental Concerns:** The property owner acknowledges the potential hazard of Oak Wilt, especially during the period from April 15 through July 1, and agrees not to hold ECEC liable for any Oak Wilt damage arising from cable plowing or line installation.

Signatures Required:

Eau Claire Energy Employee Signature: _____

Contact Name: _____

Member's Signature: _____

Member's Phone Number: _____

Contractor's Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____

Contact Information:

For any questions or to submit the completed form, contact:

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It's crucial for property owners to thoroughly review and understand the Excavating Authorization Form to ensure compliance and prevent potential issues during the excavation and installation process.