

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is considered the Right-of-Way?

The City owns the property under, on and above the roadways and sidewalks, usually extending 10 to 20 feet beyond the roadway pavement. The right-of-way often extends well into what **appears to be** private property. Assets within the right-of-way may include the roadway, curb, gutter, sidewalks, vegetation, sewer and water lines, telephone, power and other utility infrastructure.

When is a Right-of-Way Use Permit necessary?

The City requires a permit for any activity that disrupts traffic, restricts access or modifies any infrastructure within the right-of-way or for any private use of the public right-of-way. Such activities include the replacement of or modifications to driveways, temporary placement of industrial trash bins or moving pods, the parking of moving vans, tree trimming along the street and block parties. Utility and construction companies are required to obtain permits for all work within the right-of-way.

The Right-of-Way Use Permitting Group, of the Public Works Construction Engineering and Inspection Division, can assist in your early stages of planning to help determine if a Right-of-Way Use Permit is necessary. The Group can also advise of any problems that may be encountered or revisions that may be needed to meet City codes or other regulations.

If a permit is required, please submit your application at least two weeks prior to your desired project/event start date.

There are painted colored lines on the street, sidewalk or other areas of the Right-of-Way. Who does this and what are the lines for?

Washington State law requires that underground utilities such as power lines, gas lines or water pipes be located in advance of **ANY** digging (greater than 12 inches for agricultural purposes) within the right-of-way. This is to both protect the underground utility and the excavator.

Once a call is made to the Utilities Underground Location Center, all utility companies in the area are alerted and will be responsible for marking their lines by using the painted colors you see within the general area of proposed work.

The lines may be for planning purposes to identify possible areas for new utility installation or for maintenance purposes. Each color reflects the presence of a specific type of utility and its general running direction.

PLEASE REMEMBER-

Digging more than a foot deep in the public right-of-way, even to plant a shrub, may encounter power lines or other utilities. In addition to the obvious life-safety concerns, there may be liability for damage to any utility encountered. CALL 1-800-424-5555 BEFORE YOU DIG. It's the law!

I am having a load of bark (topsoil, rock, etc.) delivered to my house. Can it be dumped on the street or sidewalk?

Deliveries must be unloaded off of the street (curb, sidewalk) and all materials must be covered, if not immediately spread. You may be responsible for any material run-off that enters into the City storm water systems.

Looking for information about current construction activities?

The City of Redmond provides a Traffic Alert Map showing traffic impacts during construction activities. To view the map, click here <http://gis.redmond.gov/traffic/>.