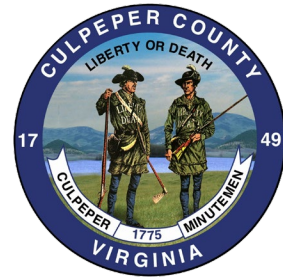


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**Policies and Procedures**

**Subject:** Electrical Trench

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- I. Purpose  
Options for backfilling trenches in an expedited time frame while satisfying the inspection process.
- II. Scope  
This policy applies to both residential and commercial projects.
- III. Policy
  1. Sight Tubes - Minimum of 24" depth trench with sight tubes of minimum 1.5" diameter spaced a minimum of 10' from structures or end of run and a maximum of 30' spacing in between.
  2. Virtual Inspection- Must have the following: Strong cell reception, Building Department permit placard, and tape measurer. iPhone Face Time or Google Duo are the preferred platforms.

Note: Open trench or virtual inspections for trenches less than 24" in depth.