

## **SECTION 400 UTILITIES**

### **400.1 LOCATION**

The applicant shall be responsible for searching utility records and delineating the location of utilities on the plans.

At least two working days before beginning the work, the contractor shall request all utility owners to mark or otherwise indicate the location of their substructures, by calling Underground Service Alert (USA). It shall be the contractor's responsibility to determine the true location and depth of all utilities and service connections. The contractor shall also be familiarized with the type, material, age, and condition of any utility that may be affected by the work.

### **400.2 PROTECTION**

No unauthorized person shall operate, break, damage, deface, uncover, or tamper with any structure, appurtenance, equipment, or other property which is part of the District Water or Sewer Systems. No manhole, valve, meter box or appurtenance shall be covered or made inaccessible. If required by changes in surface grade, manholes, valve covers and meter boxes shall be reconstructed to per the VWD standard drawings and these specifications. Violators of this provision shall be subject to the penalties provided by law.

The contractor shall not interrupt the service function or disturb the supporting base of any utility without authority from the owner and ordered by the District.

Where protection is required to ensure support of utilities, the contractor shall furnish and place the necessary protection at its expense. The contractor shall maintain a minimum of 12 inches separation between District facilities and other utilities, unless expressly approved by the District.

The contractor shall immediately notify the District and the utility owner if he disturbs, disconnects, or damages any utility. In the event of necessary repair work on a District facility, the District has the right to hire another contractor to do the repair work. The project contractor will be responsible for the cost of the repair.

**END OF SECTION**