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## Winter Construction Guidelines

- After Oct. 15, Riverland Energy will not guarantee underground service to any member ready for, or requesting service.
- Service installation will be done on a first-come, first-serve basis and will be scheduled for installation when the site is to grade, basement is back-filled, and the meter socket is mounted.
- Riverland will continue to schedule service installation as long as the weather permits.
- Riverland will determine when it is no longer fit to install underground service, at which time the member will be required to provide their own trench if service is still needed. The trench will need to be 36” deep and will be filled by the member.
- Riverland will thaw frozen ground near the connection points, at the member’s request. The cost associated will be paid by the member at a rate of \$200 for up to four feet in length. Any additional will be billed on a time and material cost. This will be done at the discretion of Riverland Energy and scheduled based on the availability of the thawing equipment.
- This guideline is in conjunction with Riverland Energy policy #68 (Underground Construction). A copy of the policy is attached.

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## Arcadia, Wisconsin

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### Policy #68

**SUBJECT:** Underground Winter Construction

**OBJECTIVE:** To set forth the rules regarding the installation of underground facilities during winter and frozen ground conditions at the request of consumers.

**POLICY:** Effective September 1, 1978, the following restrictions will be used regarding installation of underground facilities during winter conditions.

1. All facilities associated with primary underground construction shall not be installed when weather and/or frozen ground do not allow installation using normal construction methods and equipment. It shall be a staff responsibility to determine when cold weather prohibits working on primary cable and connections. The temperature of 32°F should be used as a minimum working temperature with primary cable. If primary cable cannot be installed by use of a vibratory plow due to frozen ground conditions, installation should not be performed.
2. Secondary facilities shall not be installed by the Cooperative in frozen ground conditions unless the consumer provides a trench from the transformer to the metering location for the secondary cable and fills the trench after installation.
3. Restrictions of parts 1 and 2 do not apply if extension of service was requested with adequate time to be able to be permanently installed prior to the time of winter weather or frozen ground.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** Line Superintendent and Project Managers.

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