



## City of Palo Alto

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# **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT POLICY FOR STORAGE OF EQUIPMENT, PIPES, STRUCTURES AND GRANULAR MATERIALS IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY**

### GENERAL

1. Equipment, pipe, structures and granular materials shall be placed within one (1) block of the location where it is to be used but no less than three (3) blocks or 1000 feet from an adjacent non-related project. Alternate locations may be determined by the Engineer if construction and traffic conditions warrant.
2. Equipment, pipe, structures and granular materials shall not block access to or visibility of any fire hydrants, driveways, traffic signs, utilities, intersections, sidewalks, bike lanes, crosswalks or drainage paths.
3. A minimum pavement width of 24 feet shall be maintained for traffic purposes.
4. No equipment, pipe, structures or granular materials shall extend more than eight feet into the street from the face of curb and in no case shall extend more than one third of the roadway.
5. Two type II barricades with working flashers shall be placed at each end of the storage area.
6. One type II barricade with working flasher shall be placed at 25 foot intervals along the street side of the storage area.
7. Only the amount of pipe and structures that can be installed and backfilled in five consecutive days shall be stored in the public right-of-way.
8. Pipe or structure that can be easily lifted by hand and weighing less than 200 pounds shall not be stored in the public right-of-way.
9. Steel deck plates shall not be stored in the public right-of-way.
10. Contractor shall hand deliver advance notice door hangers to businesses, residents or others at locations where equipment, pipe, structures and granular materials will be stored at least seven days in advance of the storage date. The notices may be provided by the City.

### TRUCKS AND EQUIPMENT

1. Equipment is defined as, but not limited to, backhoes, trenchers, loaders, rollers, self-propelled pavers and graders.
2. Only Equipment in good mechanical condition shall be stored in the public right-of-way.
3. Any Equipment that cannot be repaired by the end of the day shall be removed immediately from the public right-of-way.

4. Fluid leaks shall be repaired prior to the end of the day.
5. Spilled fluids shall be cleaned up and disposed of in accordance with applicable hazardous waste laws.
6. All equipment and materials shall be removed at the request of the Engineer for reasons related to weather, job shutdown, safety or reasonable complaints and requests from residents and/or business owners.
7. Trucks and portable equipment such as generators, compressors and arrow boards shall be removed at the end of each day.

#### GRANULAR MATERIAL

1. Granular material such as backfill, bedding and cutback shall be placed against an appropriate portable barrier, such as k-rail, to protect the curb and improvements behind the curb.
2. The barrier shall be located a minimum of one foot in front of the face of curb, so as not to obstruct the drainage of water, unless otherwise directed by the Engineer.
3. No more than the amount of granular material that can be used in two consecutive days shall be stored at any time.
4. No granular material shall be stored within ten feet of any catch basin or curb return.
5. Granular material shall not be allowed to enter the storm drain or sanitary sewer systems.
6. A tarpaulin covering the granular material and sandbag berms placed around the granular material shall be used as required by the Engineer during rainy periods.
7. The job site shall be swept clean at the end of each work day. An Athey Mobile Street Sweeper Model AHL M9 or an approved equal shall be used.