

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** All Utility Contractors and Utility Service Providers  
**From:** The Water, Sewer & Gas Board of the Town of Wedowee (256-357-4716)  
**Date:** May 27, 2026  
**Subject:** Underground Construction Activities within Downtown Wedowee Proper

The Water, Sewer & Gas Board of the Town of Wedowee advises all contractors, utility providers, and subcontractors that underground excavation, boring, directional drilling, trenching, or similar subsurface construction activities within the downtown Wedowee area require prior review, permitting and coordination with the Utility Board.

Due to the age of portions of the utility infrastructure, historical utility relocations, and incomplete utility mapping records, the Utility Board may not be able to accurately identify or locate all underground facilities within the downtown area. In addition, underground interference from existing utilities and structures may limit the effectiveness of standard utility locating equipment.

Accordingly, the Utility Board strongly recommends that any contractor performing subsurface work utilize appropriate verification methods, including hydro excavation, air excavation, potholing, or other accepted industry practices, to positively identify existing underground utilities and potential conflicts before commencing construction activities.

The Utility Board further recommends that future telephone, cable television, broadband, and fiber-optic installations within the downtown area be evaluated for overhead installation where practical and permitted by the project owner and applicable authorities.

Contractors are responsible for complying with all Alabama 811 notification requirements, applicable safety regulations, and accepted industry standards for excavation and utility protection. Contractors must not rely solely upon utility locates provided by the Utility Board and should independently verify the location of underground facilities prior to excavation.

Specific project locations and construction methods may be reviewed on a case-by-case basis with Utility Board personnel as well as the Town of Wedowee.

**Respectfully,**

Randy Benefield  
Director  
The Water, Sewer & Gas Board of the Town of Wedowee

Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed: \_\_\_\_\_