

**610.4 CONSTRUCTION METHODS:**

All water mains in major streets shall have a minimum cover of 48 inches over the top of the pipe. Water mains in other locations shall have a minimum cover over the top of the pipe as follows:

- (A) 36 inches for mains smaller than 12 inches.
- (B) 48 inches for mains 12 inches and larger.

Cover for water mains will be measured from existing or proposed finished grade of pavement or from natural ground, whichever is deeper.

No water main shall be deflected, either vertically or horizontally, in excess of that recommended by the manufacturer of the pipe or coupling, without the appropriate use of bends or offsets.

If adjustment of the position of a length of pipe is required after it has been laid, it shall be removed and rejoined as for a new pipe.

Every precaution shall be taken to prevent foreign material from entering the pipe. ~~When on the project site, the ends of the pipe section shall be plugged, wrapped or tarped at~~ all times when a pipe laying is not in progress, ~~which includes storage and staging at the site. The pipe shall be stored on a pallet, blocking or other means to prevent foreign materials from entering the pipe.~~ The pipe line shall be protected by a water-tight plug or other means approved by the Engineer ~~when the pipe is in the trench if pipe laying is not in progress.~~

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Where restrained joints are specified on mains sixteen (16) inches in diameter and smaller, ductile iron pipe shall be used with an approved joint restraint method.

On mains sixteen (16) inches in diameter and larger where plans specify welding joints and where ductile iron pipe is furnished, joints shall be restrained by an approved joint restraint method for the distance specified.

Except as otherwise required in this specification, the special provisions, or by the Engineer, trench excavation, backfilling and compaction shall be in accordance with the requirements of Section 601. Backfilling may be accomplished as soon as the pipe line has been installed to the satisfaction of the Engineer, subject to the requirements for testing, as contained below.

Hydrostatic testing shall be in accordance with this specification.

All corporation stops used for testing and chlorination shall be left in the pipe line with the stop closed and all connecting pipe removed.

Curb stops with flushing pipes or fire hydrants shall be installed at the ends of dead-end mains according to standard details.

Thrust blocks shall be installed in accordance with this specification.

Valve boxes and covers shall be according to standard details.

Asbestos-cement pipe shall be installed in accordance with AWWA C-603, except pipe and fittings shall be in accordance with Section 752.

Cast iron pipe shall be installed in accordance with AWWA C-600, except pipe and fittings shall be in accordance with Section 750.