

## Your Hometown Service People

### Converting Overhead Electrical Service to Underground Electrical Service

Many people are thinking about converting their overhead electric service to an underground service for a number of different reasons. The City of Fort Pierce, like many municipalities, has passed an ordinance requiring that new and upgraded electrical services be put underground. FPUA already has almost 40 percent of their electrical distribution system underground, compared to about 20 percent in other utilities nationwide.

### *What are the advantages?*

- FPUA has a 25% discount incentive to encourage and help customers in our service area to convert from an overhead electric service to an underground service.
- With some of our adverse weather, underground service increases reliability and has a fewer number of power interruptions.
- This type of conversion changes the connection to your home from a weatherhead in your roof to a downpipe at the meter.
- Other utilities such as telecommunication and cable may be affected. They may also need to be contacted and involved in the process.



**Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.**

Florida law requires dialing 811 before doing any digging. Striking a buried line could cause a service outage, personal injury or property damage. It could also lead to fines in the range of \$500 to \$50,000. You can visit <http://www.callsunshine.com> for more information.



### *Below are points of interest you may need to know when converting your service drop to an underground service:*

- If an easement is required, FPUA will be responsible for securing, describing and recording the document. But it will be at the expense of the customer to pay the legal fees associated with the easement.
- It will be your responsibility to excavate the trench. A contractor can be hired or the customer may excavate themselves. FPUA will inspect the trench before back filling. Please remember to call 811 before you dig.
- It will be the responsibility of the customer to transport the conduit from FPUA's Energy Service Center warehouse located at 1701 South 37<sup>th</sup> Street. Typically the conduit is stocked in 20 foot Lengths.
- In some cases the existing 'meter can' may need to be replaced. If this is true an electrical contractor must be hired to change out the can and the contractor must pull an electrical permit.

The Fort Pierce Utilities Authorities' Underground Utilities program is just one of the many services that we provide as a convenience for our customers.

For questions regarding Underground Conversions, you can call: 772-466-1600 Ext. 6957 or visit our website at [www.fpu.com](http://www.fpu.com)



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