

**Title: Storage of Power Poles and  
Pipelines Material**

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**Policy Statement:** To establish standards and guidelines for the temporary storage of power poles and pipeline material on County right-of-ways in an effort to maintain the safety of the travelling public on County roads.

1. The distribution of power poles and pipeline material on right-of-ways within Woodlands County will be coordinated by the appropriate utility company or pipeline owner so that only the amount of pipeline or number of poles required for one day's placement will be hauled from a central designated storage site.
2. Pipeline material and power poles are to be placed not more than sixty-one (61) centimeters (2 feet) from the outside edge of the right-of-way, except when the physical contour of the land would not allow for such placement of pipeline material and/or poles. In such cases, pipeline material/poles are to be placed as close as possible to the edge of the right-of-way or inside the fence line.
3. Poles are to be laid parallel to the driving surface with the snipe (small) end facing the traffic flow. Pipeline material shall be laid in a similar parallel position.
4. Pipeline material/poles shall not be stacked on the right-of-way.
5. Pipeline material/poles must be laying flat on the ground.
6. Pipeline material/poles shall not be left lying in the right-of-way for more than 48 hours. Prior approval must be obtained from the County Office when poles will be left for more than 48 hours due to unforeseen circumstances.
7. Whenever possible, old poles/pipeline material shall be removed from the right-of-way and stored at central points on the same day. Under no circumstances shall old poles/pipeline material be left lying in the right-of-way longer than 48 hours.

8. Special permission must be obtained from the County Office for the distribution of transmission structures by the utility company.
9. Signage advising of power line/pipeline construction shall be placed at the start and end of the project area being worked on in any particular day. If the project is a major replacement, appropriate signage shall be placed at the start and end of the total project.