

WHAT ARE THESE THINGS IN ISLAND WEST?



These green boxes are called 'pad-mounted transformers. They come in different sizes (this one is the size of a mini-frig), but they all look basically the same. Most of the electric in this area is serviced underground. You'll notice there are very few if any 'telephone/electric poles' along the streets and highways around here like you see in older areas that were not developed as recently as ours. These green boxes serve the same purpose as the gray 'cans' that you see near the top of some 'telephone poles' in older communities. Having our electricity sent to us underground is good not only aesthetically, but also insures we don't lose power very easily. Because our power is underground, we hardly lost any electricity in the last two hurricanes.



BTW.... This huge green box near the Palm House parking lot is the main access for all the electric lines running throughout the community. All the other smaller green boxes connect to this.

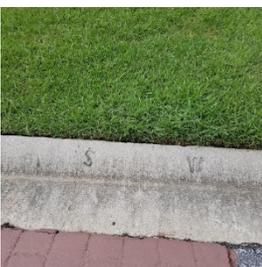
But these green boxes are dangerous if tampered with. Never use them as benches, don't allow children to play on them and never dig near one. Don't plant shrubs within 4 ft from the sides and 10 ft from the access panels. If you plant a shrub within that distance the power company will dig it out and remove if it's in the way when they must service the unit. If you absolutely must dig nearby always dial 811 and make an appointment to have someone come out and indicate where the power lines are buried (it's free!) If you see one of the panels open or missing call the electric company and report it immediately.



These small gray cylinders are all over the community. Our cable and telephone services are underground too, and this is where the lines from your home are connected to the main cable. **They are not to be tampered with or dug near as well.**



No, this is not an artifact from an ancient culture. It is an "Indicator Post". If you'll notice, they all have the letters "M V" on them. That stands for Main Valve which is buried directly under this post. **DO NOT REMOVE OR HIDE THEM!** In an emergency, the service men will know quickly where to dig to turn off service in the event of a possible catastrophic rupture. If one is damaged on your property call the water and sewer number on your monthly bill and report it.



Speaking of water and sewer lines. That's what these two letters on the curb in front of your home stand for. They indicate where the sewer line (S) and the water line (W) run into your home from the main line under the street.