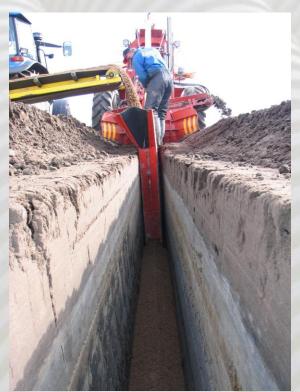
IMPLEMENTATION OF SUBSURFACE DRAINAGE



















CONTRACTOR SELECTION

Once the drainage design has been drawn up, the farmer may send a call for tenders to the contractors of her/his choice



Contact information of the drainage contractors and the contract template can be found on the Field Drainage

Association's website

The tender may be based on either the total contract price, the unit price or a combination of these









CONTRACT

The pricing criteria and payment terms must be stated in the contract

It is a good idea to mention in the contract that the contractor undertakes to comply with the drainage design, the quality requirements for field drainage set by the Finnish Association of Civil Engineers RIL and the General Terms and Conditions of the Construction Contract (YSE)









DRAINAGE NOTIFICATIONS

Usually, the landowner does not have to make a drainage notification about subsurface drainage

However, notification should be made if drained in acid sulphate soils

or groundwater areas

The farmer must notify the ELY Center at least 60 days before starting the work

The drainage notification form (Ilmoitus ojituksesta -lomake) and instructions for filling it out can be found on the website of

the Field Drainage Association









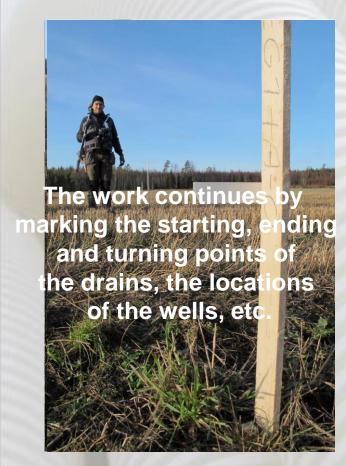


SITE STAKING OF THE DRAINAGE DESIGN

The site staking of the drainage plan is usually done by the drainage designer



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To ensure that the subsurface drainage functions, it is advisable to do the drainage work in sufficiently dry conditions

The grass or stubble of the drainage year are the best "preceding crops" for drainage. The abundance of roots makes the drainage trench filled with topsoil airy and well conductive











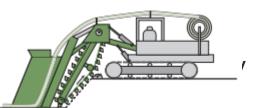
INSTALLATION TECHNIQUE

Subsurface drainage is done with different types of drainage machines

Drainage trencher

- Digs an open trench all the way to the surface and raises the ground to the surface of the field
- Gravelling does not need to follow the drainage and gravel inlets can also be retrofitted





Drainage plow

- Pulls a plow below the ground that raises the ground, creating space for the pipe
- The trench closes after gravelling



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LASER CONTROL



GPS CONTROL

Most drainage machines are equipped with laser depth control technology and some also use GPS satellite positioning technology

The GPS locator records the track that the farmer can use as a basis for a guidance display



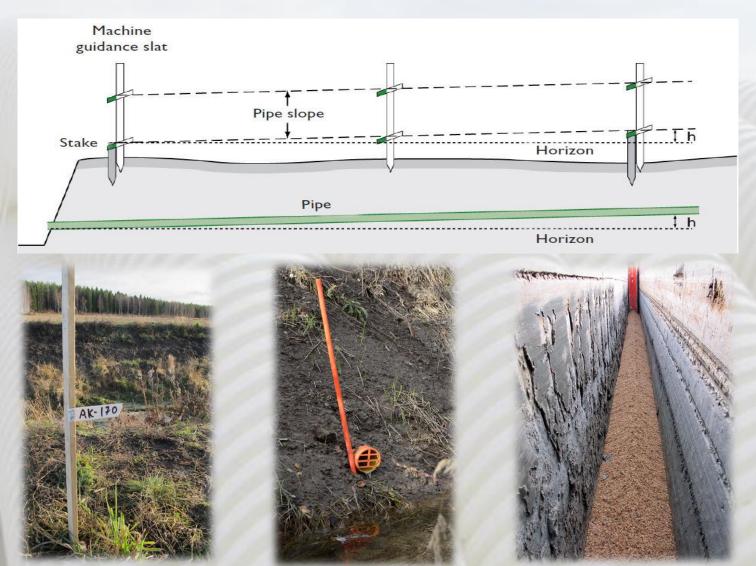








DRAINAGE PIPE INSTALLATION METHODS













WELL INSTALLATION

- A place for the well is dug
- The installation well's depth and the elevations of the incoming and outgoing pipes are measured
- The well is installed at the measured location and elevation
- The inlet and outlet pipes are connected to the well with a rigid pipe













INSTALLATION OF COUPLINGS

Lateral drains can be connected to the collector with different types of couplings

- side coupling
- flushable saddle coupling
- flushable quick coupling



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SUBSURFACE DRAIN GRAVELLING AND FILLING

The drainage trench must remain well permeable to water throughout the life of the drainage

The water permeability of the trench is especially important for compact soil types. In them, the entire drainage trench can be filled with gravel, wood chips, crushed stone, or other highly water-permeable material

Usually, topsoil, which is more permeable to water than compact subsoil, is dropped into the trench on top of the envelope material









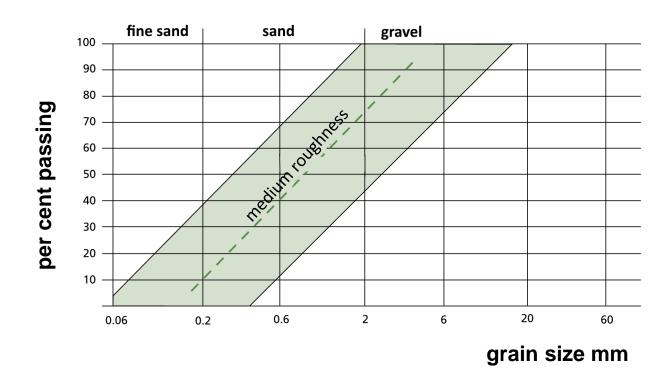






QUALITY OF DRAIN GRAVEL

Granularity range of gravel or crushed stone to be installed as a drain filter











WORK SUPERVISION

The farmer or her/his representative acts as the supervisor of the drainage work

Site supervision ensures that drainage is properly implemented and functions









When the drainage contract is completed, a final Inspection will be carried out.

If the contractor has had to make changes to the plan, the drainage designer will update the drainage map.



The designer submits the drainage map to the map-archive of the Field Drainage Association.

Drainage designer, contractor, and farmer will complete the site record as the work progresses. The record, together with the completion certificate prepared by the designer, will be sent to the ELY Center to collect the subsidy.









MAINTENANCE OF SUBSURFACE DRAINS

It is advisable to check the functionality of subsurface drains, surrounding ditches, wells, and main ditches regularly and take the necessary maintenance measures











The most common reasons for drainage failure are related to arterial drainage, soil structure, rust deposits caused by the iron content of groundwater, and roots blocking pipes.

Good maintenance can reduce the risk of malfunction







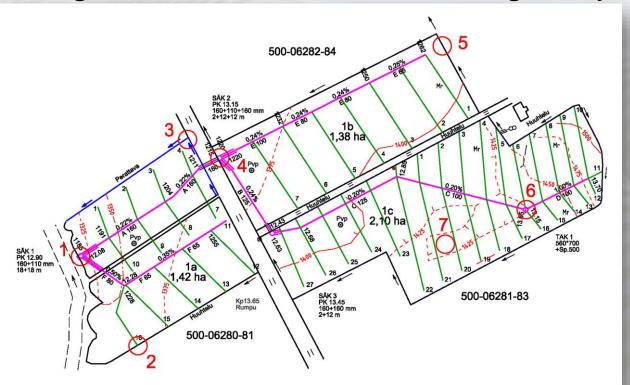








It is a good idea to mark the key spots on the ground and check them regularly



- 1. outlet ditch, drain outlet and control well
- 2. flushing extensions
- 3. roadside and partition ditch
- 4. underpass, culvert and well
- 5. catching ditch
- 6. inspection well
- 7. depression









MAINTENANCE OF SUBSURFACE DRAINS

- Check drain outlets, remove sludge and vegetation around them
- Check the surface inlets and clean from sludge
- Check the drainage pipes for sludge and rust, and order flushing if needed
- Check that the underpasses and culverts are intact and clean of sludge
- If necessary, clear the surrounding ditches





















Finnish subsurface drainage has a long and meritorious tradition in terms of both design and contracting



















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