

## FAQ's about driveways

- How wide of a driveway am I allowed to have?  
Land Development Code states for a residential driveway, the minimum width allowed is 12' and the maximum is 18'
- What size culvert do I need?  
Land Development Code states, the minimum diameter allowed is 15". However this will depend on the depth of the ditch or swale.
- Why do I need mitered ends on my culvert pipe?  
On a road with a posted speed of 35 mph or more, you will need mitered ends. On roads less than a posted speed of 35 mph you are allowed precast mitered ends or rip rap headwalls.
- Why do I need an apron for my driveway?  
The apron is to protect the edge of any of the county's paved roads. Also the apron will allow for a greater turning radius for the driveway.
- How big does the apron need to be?  
The apron will have to be connecting to the PAVED county road. The apron will be from edge of the road, 5' towards your property. The county only requires a min 5' apron. The width of the apron will depend on the width of driveway you have. Example, if you have a min 12' wide driveway, the apron will be 12' on the property owner's side and 22' at the road. The County requires 5' flares on the road side. If you have the max width driveway, the apron will be 18' on the property owner's side, and 28' at the roads edge. The 5' flares allow for a better turning radius. The apron will also need to be 6" thick.
- Do I need a permit for a driveway to clear my land?  
This will depend on the area in which you are working in. If you have a swale or ditch, then you will probably need a driveway to get equipment on and off of the property. The driveway permit is issued through Planning and Development.
- Do I need a driveway permit for my property if it has an existing driveway?  
Yes and no, if your existing driveway is in place and you are not planning to make any changes to it then no. If the driveway has existing and functioning culvert, then no. If the driveway fails for any reason, culvert collapsing or headwall, mitered ends damaged, then

yes. But a right of way permit will be issued to you through Public Works for the repairs to the driveway.

- Do I need a driveway permit for a private road?

No you don't need a permit for a private road, Planning and Development is able to determine the classification of the road you are requesting a permit for. You can ask them when applying for the permit.

- Where can I put my driveway?

This is up to the property owner. Public Works will only tell you where you can't put your driveway. Land Development Code has certain setbacks from intersections and property lines. Planning and Development will be able to determine and pass this information on to you. For example, if you have a corner lot near an intersection, then the driveway is to be at least 25' from the intersection. Example for property line, if you are wanting to put the driveway near the corner of your property, it has to be at least 5' to 10' from the property line.

- Can I have two driveways at my residence?

Land Development Code states, if you want to have two driveway's you have to have at least 150' of property frontage to accommodate two driveways.

- Why do I need an apron or mitered ends on my driveway, and only a few people on my road have them?

Land Development Code changes after several years, and when the others were installed, the Land Development Code may not have required them.

- When will the County come in and install my driveway culvert and apron?

The County doesn't install these for the property owner. The property owner is responsible for the access to their property.

- Does my driveway have to be concrete or asphalt?

Only the apron has to be concrete or asphalt. After the apron, the driveway can be whatever material the property owner desires.

- Can I use millings or lime rock for my apron?

Land Development Code states the apron has to be either concrete or asphalt. No other materials are allowed to be used for the apron.

- What if the swale or ditch isn't deep enough, how deep can I bury the 15" culvert pipe? If the swale or ditch isn't deep enough, Land Development Code states, no more than a 1"  $\frac{1}{2}$  should the culvert be dug down. If the dry swale or ditch is like this, the owner is advised they can do an inverted driveway to accommodate this situation.
- Why can't I bury the culvert pipe if it won't fit in the swale or ditch?  
This will cause the culvert to hold water and not keep it flowing. This is the reason for the culvert in the ditch line, to KEEP the water flowing.
- Do I need a driveway permit?  
This can be answered by Planning and Development, Public Works doesn't issue driveway permits. Public Works only issues Right of Way use permits for repairs to existing driveways.