

RIGHT OF WAY STANDARDS & SPECIFICATIONS

The following information is a general summary of Oceana County Road Commission standards and specifications regulating the use of right-of-ways. Individual site details may require additional specifications.

DRIVEWAYS

The finished surface on a driveway approach shall slope down from the pavement edge at a rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ " to $\frac{3}{4}$ " per foot back to the ditch centerline. This distance shall not be less than 8'.

The sides of a driveway shall slope down to ditch bottom at a minimum 3 on 1 slope in residential areas where the speed limit is 25 MPH. In all other areas, the minimum slope shall be 4 on 1.

When required, culverts shall be corrugated steel or concrete pipe. Plastic culvert is allowed if steel end sections are placed. Minimum culvert diameter is 12" and the maximum length of 12" culvert allowed is 30'. Culvert length greater than 30' requires a minimum diameter of 15". Driveway radii must be included when determining culvert length. **Upgrading a driveway also requires a permit.**

- A 20' flat landing shall be constructed behind road shoulder when required;
- Maximum width of a residential drive is 24';
- Standard driveway radii are 15' to road shoulder, with 10' tapers to edge of pavement;
- Driveway must intersect road at right angles with variance allowed up to 20 degrees;
- A driveway shall not infringe upon a road intersection radius;
- Normally a drive shall be located a minimum of 15' from a property line;
- If sod or other landscaping material is placed at the edge of the road shoulder, it must be kept lower than the edge of the shoulder;
- Maximum finished grade shall not exceed 10%;
- When asphalt or concrete is placed on the shoulder within 40' from an existing paved surface, the shoulder area between the paved surfaces must also be paved;
- When concrete is placed, the minimum depth shall be 6" on the road shoulder.

MAILBOXES

Mailboxes are allowed in the road right-of-way as a public service. The face of the mailbox shall be placed a minimum of 6' off the edge of the blacktop, or 1' behind the road shoulder, whichever is farthest from the centerline. Single mailboxes should be installed on 4"X4" or 4.5" diameter wood posts or steel posts less than 3 lbs. per foot. These supports should be embedded with no more than 24" in the ground. Multiple mailbox installations should be placed on individual supports spaced at least 3' apart.

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS

The following activities **are not allowed** within the road right-of-way and are actively being removed:

- Filling of roadside ditches;
- Planting of trees, shrubs, seedlings, or bushes of any kind;
- Construction of any type of retaining wall or headwall along sides of driveways;
- The placement of any type of fence;
- The placement of rocks, boulders, or earth berms;
- The placement of signs, light posts, or other encroachment considered by the Road Commission as hazardous.

The Road Commission will not issue a permit for the placement of a sprinkler system within the road right-of-way. If they are placed within the road right-of-way, the following shall apply:

- The property owner is responsible for any damage or removal caused by the Road Commission activities or activities permitted by the Road Commission;
- Sprinklers shall not be allowed to water curbs, saturate the road grade, or discharge flow onto any part of the traveled portion of the road;
- Sprinklers shall not be placed in Road Commission right-of-way.

