

Adding a Driveway in Stoneham?

The Department of Public Works has the following requirement for new driveways. All costs are the property owner's responsibility. Pre-existing driveways do not fall under these regulations.

CURBING:

1. Does the entrance of your proposed driveway have granite curbing (gray in color)?
If yes, the curbing must be cut two feet beyond the proposed driveway opening and granite corner blocks be installed at the corners of the driveway opening. Any granite removed must be delivered to a designated town site, as determined by the Director of Public Works or his agent. The town does not provide the new granite corner blocks.
2. Does the entrance of your proposed driveway have asphalt berm (black in color)?
If yes, the curbing must be cut two feet beyond the proposed driveway opening and tapered down to the edges of the driveway as not to create a tripping hazard.
3. Does the entrance of your proposed driveway not have curbing?
If so, you may add curbing, but are not required to do so.

SIDEWALK:

4. Does the entrance of your proposed driveway have cement concrete sidewalks (white or off-white in color)?
If yes, the sidewalk must be removed where the new driveway will be located and reinstalled at a thickness of 6 inches with an 8 inch compacted gravel base course.
5. Does the entrance of your proposed driveway have asphalt sidewalks (black in color)?
If yes, the sidewalk must be removed where the new driveway will be located and reinstalled at a thickness of 4 inches with an 8 inch compacted gravel base course.
6. Does the entrance of your proposed driveway not have sidewalks?
If so, you may add a sidewalk, but are not required to do so.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

Driveway openings can not exceed 26 feet in total width. Driveways cannot exceed 13% in grade and must be flattened across the sidewalk area.

No other material (Brick pavers etc.) shall be used in the sidewalk area other than asphalt or cement concrete.

The proposed work can not create a drainage problem on adjacent properties.

Dig-safe regulations shall be followed by the contractor/installer. A sketch of the water service shut-off box will be provided to the contractor/installer upon request, to assure it does not get paved over. As a homeowner you do not want this shut off box paved over as it is used in emergency situations to shut off water to your home.

All grass plot areas must be loamed and reseeded.

The contractor must post insurance with the Town of Stoneham. A copy of the certificate must be dropped off at the DPW or faxed (781) 438-8183 prior to starting work. The insurance must state "The Town of Stoneham as Additional Insured". The insurance personal liability & property damage limit must be \$1,000,000 combined, a description of work provided on face of the policy, and workers compensation included.

There are no fees as long as requirements are met.

Contact the Stoneham Police Department if you feel a police detail is required. Major roadways are required to have police details onsite for work in the sidewalk area (within the right of way or impacting traffic).

It is recommended that a sketch of the proposed work be supplied to the DPW.

If the proposed driveway is within 100 feet of a wetland, you must contact the Conservation Commission and obtain their requirements.

All work within the public way (includes sidewalk area) must be inspected by the DPW.