

PERMITS REQUIRED BY DODGE COUNTY FOR LAND USE AND ENVIRONMENT

Unless stated otherwise, the following requirements do not apply in cities. Consult your city for permit requirements.



NEW STRUCTURES

A Zoning Permit must be obtained prior to adding any new structure except a basic deck, above ground pool, or structure without foundation that is less than 80 square feet in size. A structure of any size requires a permit when located within 300 feet of a river or in a floodplain.

NEW COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, OR HOME-BASED BUSINESSES

A Conditional Use Permit is typically required when the intended use of land changes. For example: when changing from agricultural use to residential or changing residential use into a business use.

EARTH MOVING: EXCAVATIONS, GRADING, AND FILLING

A Permit is required prior to excavating, grading, or filling in the floodplain or within 50 feet of a river. A Wetland Permit is required prior to any filling or draining of a wetland. A Conditional Use Permit is required prior to mining sand, rock, or other material unless such excavation is ancillary to a permitted construction project or is completed for agricultural or public utility purposes. A Stormwater Management Permit is required for any disturbance of land over one (1) acre in size. No earthwork can be done on slopes of 18% or more.



DRIVEWAYS AND CULVERTS

A permit is required prior to the installation, repair, or change of use of a driveway access from a County Road. This includes County Roads in cities. For access from a Township Road please contact your Township

TREES AND SHRUBS

Trees cannot be planted closer than 25 feet from any property line; Shrubs cannot be planted closer than 15 feet from any property line.

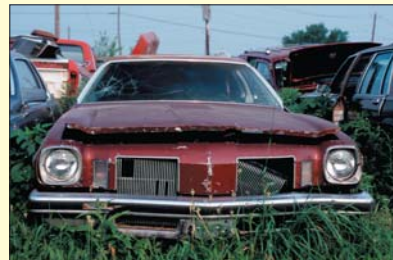


SEPTIC SYSTEMS

A Sewage Treatment Permit is required prior to the repair or modification of an existing septic tank or drainfield. A Permit is also required prior to the construction of a new septic system. An inspection of an existing system is required when replacing a house, when adding living space to a house, and prior to the sale of a house or business. These requirements apply in all areas of the county including cities.

ANIMAL FEEDLOTS

A Permit is required for the construction of a new feedlot or physical modification or expansion of an existing feedlot. All existing feedlots must be legally **Registered** with the County. This requirement applies in all areas of the county including cities.



JUNK STORAGE AND JUNK YARDS

Storage of any waste, discarded, and salvaged material must meet the standard specified in the County Zoning Ordinance. Any place that stores, buys, sells, or trades salvaged materials or any place that stores five (5) or more inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicles for a period of more than three (3) months is considered a "junk yard" and is required to obtain a Conditional Use Permit for the activity to continue.



BURNING WASTE AND DEBRIS

A Burning Permit is required prior to burning any brush, waste or other debris except when done for recreational purposes. Only "farmers" are allowed to burn some of their household refuse in a burn barrel if refuse collection is not available. Burning rubber, plastic, tires, shingles, tar paper, insulation, wiring, paint, treated wood, and hazardous materials is **prohibited**.

BURYING WASTE AND DEBRIS

A Clean Fill Permit is required prior to burying any man-made products including concrete, wood, glass, and other items from the construction and demolition of roads, driveways, buildings and other structures. This requirement applies in all areas of the county including cities.

WETLANDS

Any work that drains or fills any part of a wetland in any part of the County (including cities) is prohibited without a permit or approval from Dodge County.



RELATED PERMITS

The State of Minnesota requires permits for other land use related activity including: **Water Well Permit** for maintenance, sealing, removal, and construction of water wells; **Stormwater Management Permit** for earthwork disturbing one (1) acre or more; **Water Appropriation Permit** for use of certain quantities of groundwater and surface water; and **Public Waters Permit** for work within a river, lake, or stream.

For more information see Dodge County Web Site at:

www.co.dodge.mn.us

CONTACT	PHONE	PERMITS
Environmental Quality	507-635-6273	Septic System, Wetland, Earth Work, Shoreland, and Clean-fill Permits
Planning and Zoning	507-635-6272	Structure, Land Use Change, Junk Yard, Floodplain, & Feedlot Permits
Sheriff	507-635-6200	Burning Permit
Highway Department	507-374-6694	Driveways & Culverts
Waste Transfer, Landfill, & Recycling Center	507-634-7875	Provides Waste Management & Recycling Services