

# DECK GUIDELINES

FOLLOW CURRENT VILLAGE  
ORDINANCES AND CODES  
AS ADOPTED BY THE STATE  
OF OHIO



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## GENERAL INFORMATION FOR INSTALLING A RESIDENTIAL DECK

1. Submit site plan indicating property lines and lot dimensions.
2. Draw proposed area of new deck including dimensions.
3. Show distances from deck to side and rear property lines.
4. Show location of easements, if any. No construction is permitted in an easement.
5. Submit two complete sets of detailed drawings showing deck, deck height, steps, railings and handrails.
6. Call 24 hours in advance for posthole, framing and final inspections.

## CODE REQUIREMENTS FOR INSTALLING A RESIDENTIAL DECK

Minimum 36-inch depth required for postholes, inspection required

Width of stairways shall not be less than 36 inches

Maximum riser heights of steps shall be 8 ¼ inches

Minimum tread depth of steps shall be 9 inches nose to nose

Maximum difference of step heights and depth shall be 3/8 inch

Guardrails are required if deck is 30 inches or more above grade

Handrails for steps are required with 4 or more steps

Minimum heights of handrail shall be 34 inches

Maximum height of handrail shall be 38 inches

Minimum height of guardrails shall be 36 inches

Space between spindles on guardrail and handrail shall be *under* 4 inches apart

Deck framing inspection required prior to installing floorboards

Call 24 hours in advance for all inspections

IF ANY OF THE ABOVE IS NOT COMPLETE AT TIME OF INSPECTION, A RE-INSPECTION FEE MAY APPLY