

## Right of Way

Right of Way means the area on, below, or above the public roadway, bicycle lane, and public sidewalk in which the town has an interest, including for travel purposes and utility, and drainage easement.

## Common Right of Way Violations



# Becker Township

## Driveway Standards, Fire Signs, and Landscaping



## I want to alter my driveway

If you need to alter a driveway, work on landscaping at the end of your driveway, or put in an additional driveway, there are township regulations that must be followed and permits that must be obtained. Depending on what you plan, the clerk will direct you to the appropriate personnel. Headwalls are not permitted in the township. Aprons are required for culverts. See the Driveway and Approach Engineering Standards on the website. If you have any questions, contact the Township Engineer at 763-262-8822 or the Town Clerk.

Fees for right of way permits include both a fee for the permit and a construction deposit. Both fees are required at the time of application. The construction deposit will be returned upon verification that no damage to the right of way has occurred. Driveway permits must start with either the Township Engineer or the Township Clerk.



## Designing your driveway

There are several elements involved with designing your driveway. Surfacing, landscaping, culvert placement and more. One thing to keep in mind when working with your design - Headwalls are not permitted. See photos. If you install a headwall or move into a home with a headwall in place, it will need to be

corrected. Headwall means rock, concrete, masonry, metal, timber, or other similar materials placed on the sides of an approach as support, to prevent erosion, or for decorative purposes. By Ordinance, headwalls are not allowed in the township.

Unacceptable  
Incorrect Slope  
No Aprons on Culvert



Above – Nicely done  
Correct slopes  
Correct culvert and apron  
Correct vegetation/landscaping  
No Oversized Rocks

## More on driveway design

### FIRE SIGNS

It has come to the attention of the Town Board that many homeowners are moving their fire signs to different locations. While this is not illegal, it is recommended that you keep your fire sign at approximately 48" above the ground and next to your driveway.

Homeowners may not realize that moving fire signs to the lower front of their mailboxes could create a safety hazard for themselves. By placing those signs at a lower location, the signs are not as easily noticed and could cause a delay in emergency services.

Another item to note for those placing fire signs below their mailboxes, fire signs placed in front of mailboxes become the responsibility of the property owner if they are damaged (including if it is by snow removal).

Many Driveway related forms can be found on our website page:  
<http://beckertownship.org/driveways--right-of-way-accessuse.html#alter>

Including:

***Headwall Correction Diagram***  
***Residential Culvers Diagram***  
***Secondary Access Permit***  
***Approach Engineering Standards***  
***Right of Way Ordinance***



Or, you can either contact the clerk by

Email:  
clerk@beckertownship.org

By phone:  
763-261-5301.