BUILDING IN GLEN ECHO

DUMPSTERS AND TRAILERS

The Town is especially concerned about the safety hazards that dumpsters cause when parked on Town streets. In consideration of others in Town, dumpsters may not be placed on Town streets at all, and they must have clear reflective markers.

Vehicles may not be left on Town streets longer than 15 days without permission from the Town Council, and trailers may be parked on Town streets for up to 15 days.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

A Town Permit is also required for constructing, destroying or otherwise altering curb cuts, pavement, sidewalks, drains, utility poles and so forth in Town. Connections to sanitary sewer mains and water mains must be done under supervision and direction of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission. There is a fee of $100 for Street and Sidewalk Permit. Please review Article 17 – Streets and Sidewalk of our Ordinances.

Earth, soil, mud or other foreign material that is deposited in any sidewalk or parking area, or deposited in any drain or ditch designated to carry surface water from or within any public place, whether such material is spilled, dropped, placed, washed or tracked from the wheels of vehicles, shall be removed immediately from such public place, drain, or ditch.

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This brochure is a guide to some of the regulations and procedures for construction and other building projects in the TOWN OF GLEN ECHO. It highlights the requirements for: permits, dumpsters, vehicle regulation, sediment and drainage control, tree removal, curb cuts, sidewalks and utility connections. This guide is informational only, and does not supersede Town Ordinances, which are available from the Town Manager. We encourage anyone planning construction work in the Town to obtain and review a copy of the ordinances. We look forward to working with you and make your project a success for you and a positive contribution to the whole of Glen Echo.
BUILDING PERMITS

A Glen Echo Town AND a Montgomery County building permit https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov dps/ are required for all building of any kind (structure, accessory dwelling unit, deck, steps, fence, wall, etc.) in the Town. Building Permit Fees are available on our web site. www.glenecho.org. The Town Permit is required before building can commence.

Town building permits remain in effect for twelve months. Permit extensions and amendments may be applied for.

Application for a Town Building permit should be made in writing to the Town Manager accompanied by:

- application form/neighbor form https://glenechomd.files.wordpress.com/2020/05/building-permit-5.2020.pdf,
- photocopies of plans,
- photos of sidewalks at jobsite,
- copy of your County permit,

WHEN TOWN PERMITS ARE NOT REQUIRED

Town permits are not required for minor interior repairs where there is no interference with the construction of the building or alterations which do not involve any change in their structural parts. These include electrical and mechanical permits. County permits may be required.

RAZING PROPERTY/TREE REMOVAL

It shall be unlawful to engage in the razing, felling or demolition of any building, or structure having a surface area greater than two hundred (200) square feet, or a tree having a caliper greater than ten (10) inches measured at four (4) feet above the ground, before procuring a permit from the Town Manager or Mayor. Said permit may be granted without fee upon approval by the Town Manager or Mayor.

To allow time to consider alternatives, the Town Council must be given 60 days notice before any tree more than 10 feet high OR 4 inches in trunk diameter is removed; and before any tree is “topped” such that limbs are cut back to stubs larger than 3” in diameter in a way which removes the normal canopy or disfigures the tree. This requirement may be waived in cases of imminent danger or hardship.

GUTTERS AND DOWNSPOUTS

Gutterspouting should not be arranged such that it casts water onto adjoining lots.