

DECKS

(Pursuant to MTMC 19.120.200)



Permits and fees apply

A deck permit is required to build any new deck or to rebuild a deck with or without stairs. A fee to cover the review for code compliance and an inspection of the constructed deck apply.

What type of wood must be used?

All wood must be pressure treated or naturally resistant to decay. Treat all cut ends with end-cut solution. Use ground-contact treated wood. Fasteners, hangers, nails, etc. must be stainless steel, hot dipped galvanized, or as specifically required for the specified wood preservative used.

Can other types of construction materials be used?

Yes, other materials that are resistant to moisture and insect damage may be used, for example plastic lumber.

Are there any special restrictions?

Yes. Decks, and similar structures, that exceed 30-inches in height must meet the building setback lines for the zoning district. Decks, and similar structures, that are no more than 30-inches in height above the ground level at the building setback line may extend up to four feet into the front or side yard and up to 15 feet into the rear yard. Handrails may project up to 36-inches above the deck/structure built into a yard setback area when installed for safety purposes.

Other useful information

- Review. The Building, Planning and Engineering Departments review the application to confirm the location and height of the deck meet City codes.
- Inspection. After the deck has been constructed, call the inspection line at 425.775.9694. A building inspector will check to see if the deck has been installed per the approved plan.
- Expiration. The permit is valid for 6 months. If an inspection is not requested within 6 months of receiving the permit, the permit will expire.



What do I need to do?

- Check with City Hall to determine the distance a deck needs to be set back from the property lines.
- Request a computer drawing (plot plan) for the property.
- Complete a building permit application, which is available at City Hall or online <http://www.cityofmlt.com/177>.
- Submit the permit application, fee, and plot plan with the proposed location of the deck shown on the plan. Include foundation and cross section details and the height of the deck above ground. The link to the construction tip handout for a deck is available at City Hall or online www.cityofmlt.com.



Questions?

City staff is happy to answer your questions, provide plot plans and assist you to obtain the permit.



For more information contact

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This brochure is not intended to cover all situations nor to replace any code provision that may apply and may differ or conflict with this information. Contact City staff to discuss your specific project.
