

Landscaping Permits

CITY OF NORTH OLMSTED

Permit Amount: \$75.00

Your Landscaping Permit may be obtained
from the Engineering Department:

**North Olmsted City Hall
Engineering Department – First Floor
5200 Dover Center Road ♦ North Olmsted, Ohio 44070
Phone: (440) 777-8000 ♦ Fax: (440) 777-5889**

The Landscaping Permit is an essential part of our program to cope with the severe problem of storm water runoff. Because our terrain is predominately flat and we have marginal storm sewers, careful management of storm water is required if we are to avoid standing water, seepage of surface water through basement walls, etc.

The Landscaping permit is our way of way of insuring that the landscaper does not move dirt excessively and change the established grade. When the landscaper applies for a permit, a representative of the Engineering Department will discuss the finished grade plan with him.

In the past, people landscaped their lots without a permit and without consultation or guidance from the Engineering Department and created some severe drainage problems as a result. Lots have been filled to a level appreciably higher than the adjoining lots, causing all the storm water to pour onto the neighbor's lot, creating a problem for the neighbors. People have filled in swales that are designed to carry water across the lot to a catch basin. When the swales were filled in, they acted like a dam and caused the water to back up onto adjacent properties.

While the requirement for a Landscaping Permit may be an inconvenience and a minor expense for the North Olmsted homeowner, it represents the primary means of protecting each homeowner against drainage problems.

Please be sure to call the Engineering Department for an inspection when the landscaping work on your lot is completed.

After the landscaping work has been inspected and approved, your deposit, minus inspection charges, will be refunded to you.

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NOTICE: The landscaping permit is valid only for sodding or seeding of existing grade unless a landscaping plan is submitted to the Engineering Department and approved by the City Engineer.

A landscaping plan is required to show all proposed changes in grade, such as mounds, elevated flowerbeds and elevated mulch areas. The landscape plan is also required to show locations of trees and bushes.

The intent of these requirements is to minimize obstructions to surface water flows in drainage easements and to minimize hindrances in accessing underground utility easements.

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