



Village of Village of Walton Hills  
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# DECK GUIDELINES

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

## 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

1. Minimum 36-inch depth required for postholes, inspection required.
2. Width of stairs shall not be less than 36 inches.
3. Maximum riser heights of steps shall be 8 ¼ inches.
4. Minimum tread depth of steps shall be 9 inches nose to nose.
5. Maximum difference of step heights and depth shall be 3/8 inch.
6. Guardrails are required if deck is 30 inches or more above grade.
7. Handrails for steps are required with 4 or more steps.
8. Minimum heights of handrail shall be 34 inches.
9. Maximum height of handrail shall be 38 inches.
10. Minimum height of guardrails shall be 36 inches.
11. Space between spindles on guardrail and handrail shall be **under** 4 inches apart.
12. Deck framing inspection required prior to installing floorboards.
13. **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**