Driveways

The Montville Township Land Use Ordinance defines driveway as “an improved or delineated area on a lot leading from a street to a garage or entrance to or exit from a building or structure or a parking area intended and designed for use by motor vehicles. It is considered an impervious surface since it prevents infiltration of water into the soil.

All sidewalks, driveways, parking areas, walkways and entrance stairways shall be maintained in a safe condition, such as will not constitute a hazard to persons using the premises. All paved areas and curbing shall be maintained in good repair. Potholes and cracks in the pavement shall be filled and weed growth through pavement controlled.

No person shall begin to construct, reconstruct, repair, alter or grade any driveway on the public streets without first obtaining a permit from the Township Clerk, after approval by the Township Engineer.

All driveways must adhere to the following requirements:
- The driveway may not be less than twelve (12) feet in width
- Grade must not exceed ten percent (10%)
- Each driveway shall have a turnaround area not less than one hundred fifty (150) square feet except in areas of extreme grades or other topographical features which limit their intended use
- No driveway shall be located within fifty (50) feet of an intersection
- The angle of intersection of a driveway with a street shall not be less than sixty degrees (60°)

Setbacks

Driveways on residential lots in the R-120, R-80, and R-43 zones shall be located at least ten (10) feet from side and rear property lines. Driveways in the R-27, R-20, and R-15 zones shall be located at least five (5) feet from side and rear property lines.

Diagram 1: Driveway Setbacks for R-120, R-80, and R-43

Diagram 2: Driveway Setbacks for R-27, R-20, and R-15