



Suggested Driveway Construction Considerations for Rural Areas in Rappahannock County

Construction

For Emergency Responders to reach your home, you will need to keep the tree canopy trimmed, and allow for turns that will handle a large vehicle, with space available at the end of your driveway to turnaround, and a “turn-out” if you have a long driveway

- Keep foliage trimmed to 15’ above driveway**
- Design Curves to handle a 32’ long vehicle**
- Provide a turn-out so vehicles can pass if your driveway is more than 1,000’ long**
- Turnaround area at end at least 50’ in radius**

Bridges

Bridges often pose a special problem. We may need to respond to a house fire with a fully loaded Fire Pumper that weighs 24 tons (48,000 pounds). Can your bridge carry us to you?

- Design bridges to carry rescue vehicle
- If not feasible, consider providing a low-water ford access

The Job Isn't Over When Construction is Done!

Your driveway needs constant maintenance. Responders need to have an all-weather surface to safely and effectively respond to your needs.

- Keep culverts and ditches clear of debris
- Keep enough gravel on the driveway surface to remain passable in all seasons

HELP US, HELP YOU TO STAY SAFE!

