



Safe Driveways in Rural Areas



Driveway Access for Emergency Vehicles

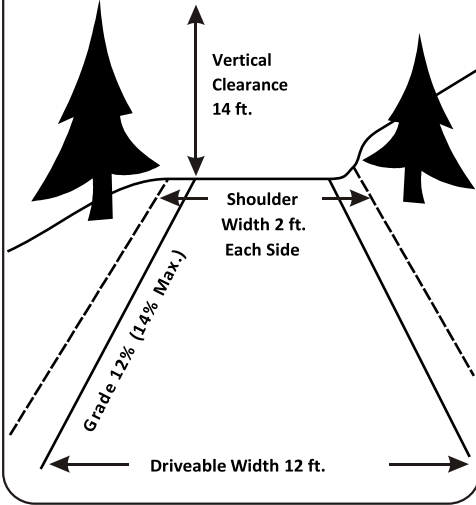
Emergency personnel try their best to respond to calls in a timely manner. Planning for access by emergency vehicles improves safety for homeowners and their families. This is especially important in rural areas where response times may be considerably longer than in cities.

Driveway Width, Height & Grade

For emergency vehicles to safely access your property, your driveway must have an all-weather surface that is able to provide adequate support for large, heavy vehicles. This may require that the drive be graded and road base be added. Vegetation must be cleared to the following standards:

- Have an ***unobstructed vertical clearance of 14 feet.***
- Limbing and/or removing trees and brush to provide the necessary vertical clearance.
- Have ***at least a 12-foot wide drivable surface,*** with a ***2-foot clear zone on each side*** of the driveway (16-feet overall).
- May require the removal of rocks and burying utility lines to provide adequate sight distance.
- Driveway ***must not exceed 12% grade*** overall.

Driveway Grade & Clearance



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