

TOWN OF THURSTON DRIVEWAY CULVERT POLICY

1. All driveway culverts accessing Town of Thurston roads are the responsibility of the Town. Driveway culverts not in the Town (on private property) are not the responsibility of the Highway Department.
2. The placements of said culverts will be the responsibility of the Town. The Highway Superintendent will determine the size of the culvert needed.
3. Property owners in need of a driveway culvert should contact the Highway Superintendent and once approved, purchase a highway access permit from the Town Clerk in the amount of \$25.00. After the permit is signed by the applicant and highway superintendent, the work will be scheduled and done at the highway department's convenience, subject to weather conditions.
4. There will be no charge for repairing or replacing existing culverts within the Town Right-of-way. The driveway owner will be responsible for replacing any stones knocked off from the ends of the culvert.
5. For new installations, the property owner is required to purchase the culvert. Once purchased, the Town will provide the stone and install the culvert. The Town will not construct your driveway, only install and cover the culvert.
6. Pipes must be smooth bore high density polyethylene corrugated or equivalent, with minimum size being 18 inches in diameter.
7. Culverts needed for driveway crossings should be a minimum of 20 feet and no more than 30 feet.
8. If more than one section is needed, culverts must be connected with steel bands or bands suitable for high density polyethylene.
9. All culverts must have flared ends or stone headwalls.
10. No alterations of this policy will be accepted, and violations shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1000.
11. This policy will be reviewed annually at the Organizational meeting.

Policy reviewed on January 7, 2025.