

Decks

Frequently Asked Questions:

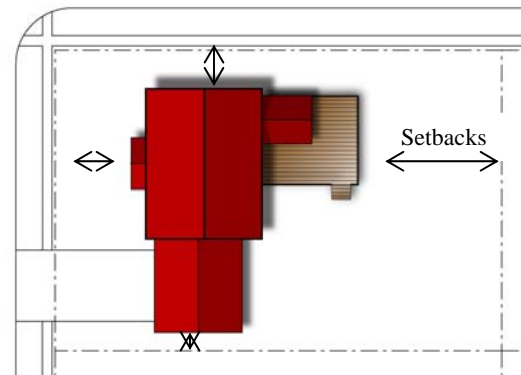
Do I need a permit?

Yes- a permit is required to place or construct a deck.

Can I erect my Deck anywhere?

Yes, however if it is not attached to the principle structure then it is considered an accessory structure.

- Accessory structures have separate, specific, setback regulations that must be followed. Please refer to *Information Sheet 3- Sheds and Other Accessory Structures* for further information about them.
- Attached decks must meet principal structure setbacks.
 - Front yard = 25 feet
 - Rear yard = 25 feet
 - Side yard setbacks range from 5 to 25 feet, depending on your residential zone district.



Is there anything else I should know?

Yes, there are specific construction guidelines for decks. Some of these can be found in *Attachment Sheet 1- General Deck Construction Guidelines*. These guidelines are to help create the site plan and are especially useful if you are building your own deck.

What is the next step?

Complete and submit the permit application with your site plan. This can be obtained at City Hall.

PLEASE NOTE: These guidelines are not a comprehensive presentation of all the ordinances involved in placing or constructing a deck.

If you have questions or concerns please contact the
O'Fallon Planning and Zoning Department at (618) 624-4500 ext. 4