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Stream Modifications

Many Montgomery County citizens have streams, brooks, drainages or wet weather conveyances that run through their property. These water courses are critical to maintaining positive stormwater drainage, keeping the larger waterways healthy and clean, and providing temporary storage of excess water during periods of flooding.

Streams and other channels that carry storm water runoff are protected by law and cannot be altered without authorization from the Montgomery County Building and Codes Department, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, and in some cases, the US Army Corps of Engineers.

Alterations to streams that requires a permit:

- Driveway, road and utility crossings
- Stream bank re-sloping or stabilization
- Channelization, relocation, dredging or excavation
- Installing dams, dykes, weirs, or levees
- Water diversions or withdrawals
- Sand or gravel dredging
- Placing or removing fill material
- Development

Persons who wish to make alterations to any stream must first obtain an Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. It is also necessary to submit a floodplain development application to the Montgomery County Building and Codes Department so that the potential effects on area flooding can be assessed.

Copies of project plans and any state or federal permits that are issued for a project must be submitted to the Montgomery County Building and Codes Department before the work begins. The Montgomery County Water Quality Buffer requirements must be followed in all cases. A flood study may also be required.

Please be aware that the rules and regulations for these permits change occasionally. This document is intended to act as an overall guide for a person planning a project involving a water body alteration and does not necessarily cover all legal requirements. If you are planning to work in or near any stream, brook, river or wetland, it is your responsibility to ensure that you have fulfilled all federal, state and county requirements for that work, submit the proper permit requests, and received all permits required for your plans.

For more information, please go to:

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Water Pollution Control:

<http://tennessee.gov/environment/wpc/>

Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit information:

<http://www.tn.gov/environment/permits/arap.shtml>

Montgomery County Stormwater Website:

www.mcgtm.org/stormwater