

Blair Township

ZONING DEPARTMENT

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Common Questions:

If you live near the Boardman River, you may have different requirements. Please call the office to find out the requirements.

I want to build a house, what do I need?

A land use permit application (available on the website), a site plan, blue prints for the house, health department permit, and possibly a soil erosion permit.

Do I need a land use permit to build a deck?

Yes. You will need to submit an application for a land use permit along with a site plan of your property. You may be required to obtain a soil erosion permit before the land use permit will be issued. Please call Grand Traverse County Soil Erosion at 231.995.6042. If the deck is 30" or tall above ground you will need to take your land use permit to Grand Traverse County Construction Code for a building permit.

Do I need a land use permit to build or place a shed?

Yes. You will need to submit an application for land use permit along with a site plan and elevation drawings or pictures of the shed. You may be required to obtain a soil erosion permit before the land use permit will be issued. Please call Grand Traverse County Soil Erosion at 231.995.6042. If the shed is 200 sq. ft. or larger, you will need to take your land use permit to Grand Traverse County Construction Code for a building permit.

Where can a shed be located on my property?

The shed or any accessory structure has to be placed at least 10 feet from the side and rear property lines. The structure also has to be placed 10 feet from any other structure.

Do I need a permit for a fence?

Yes. There is a no cost permit that needs to be obtained. The permits are available in the zoning office. Fill out the permit and bring in a site plan of your property and where the fence is going to be located. On the permit we will need to know the height of the fence, kind of fence and the location.

How tall can my fence be?

6' in the rear yard and 4' in the front yard. The front yard is any area from the front corner of your house to the front yard setback. No fence can be placed in the front yard setback.

What do I need to build a garage?

You will need to obtain a land use permit. Please submit a land use application with a site plan and 2 elevation drawings. A soil erosion permit may be needed.

How long does a permit take to process?

Currently the process is taking 2-3 days after all the information is turned in. The office is open Tuesday through Friday, 7:30 am to 6:00 pm.