

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Do I need a Land Use permit for a pool?

A. Land Use Permits are only required for grade-level swimming pools. Please refer to Article 19, Section 19.03 of the Deerfield Township Zoning Ordinance.

Q. Do I need to put a fence around my pool?

A. Yard areas with grade-level pools are to be fenced. Such fencing is to be a minimum five (5) feet high, and equipped with a self-closing and self-latching gate. Please refer to Article 19, Section 19.03(C) of the Deerfield Township Zoning Ordinance.

Q. Do I need to apply for a Land Use Permit to put up a fence?

A. Please call the Deerfield Township Zoning Administrator on Monday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. or Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. to answer whether a permit is required for your specific application. The Deerfield Township Zoning Ordinance requires that walls and fences on residential lots of two (2) acres or smaller shall not exceed a height of six (6) feet. Walls and fences placed within a front yard shall not exceed a height of five (5) feet, nor exceed a height of three (3) feet if placed in a required front yard area. The finished side of a wall or fence shall face the adjacent lot.

Q. Do I need to get a Burn Permit?

A. Burn Permits are no longer required but you must call 810-632-7676 to verify that there is no burn ban in effect. You must also follow the Open Burning Guidelines available at the Township Hall or on the Documents and Forms tab on this website.

Q. What do I need to do if I am planning to build or remodel a house?

A. A Land Use Permit is required before construction starts.

The Deerfield Township Zoning Ordinance requires that a landowner must apply for and receive a **Land Use Permit** from the Township Zoning Administrator prior to excavating or otherwise erecting a structure or building. A Land Use Permit is different from a Building Permit.

A **Land Use Permit** signifies that the landowner's proposed use and development complies with all applicable requirements of the Zoning Ordinance, such as land use, lot area, lot width, building setbacks, and other related requirements. A **Building Permit** is also required and is obtained from the County Building Department, and signifies that the landowner's proposal complies with all applicable building codes of the County, such as those pertaining to plumbing, heating, ventilation, and wall/roof construction. An applicant is encouraged to seek a **Land Use Permit** prior to expending time and money preparing the detailed architectural/building plans required for a Building Permit since a Building Permit will not be issued unless a Land Use Permit has been acquired.

Q. What do I need to do if I am planning to build or expand a deck?

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Q. What do I need to do if I am planning to build or expand a pole barn?

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Q. What do I need to do to receive an Absentee Ballot for elections? What if I want an Absentee Ballot for all Elections?

A. An "Absentee Ballot Application" must first be received in the Clerk's office to obtain an Absentee Ballot. If you are on our Permanent Absentee List (Permanent Absentee Ballot List link) then you will automatically receive an "Absentee Ballot Application". To receive an Absentee Ballot fill out the application and you will be mailed an Absentee Ballot. If you are not on our Permanent Absentee List then you will need to call the Deerfield Township Clerk's Department at 517-546-8760, or mail a letter requesting an Absentee Ballot, or you can email the Deerfield Township Clerk at clerk@deerfieldtpw.org with your request. You may also click on the following link for an [online application](#).

Information from the State of Michigan website: Your request for an absentee voter ballot must be in writing and can be submitted to your city or township clerk. (For assistance in obtaining the address of your city or township clerk, see <http://www.Michigan.gov/vote>) Your request must include one of the six statutory reasons stated above and your signature. You must request an absentee voter ballot by mailing the [online application](#), a letter, a postcard, or a pre-printed application form obtained from your local clerk's office. Requests to have an absentee voter ballot mailed to you must be received by your clerk no later than 2 p.m. the Saturday before the election.

Once your request is received by the local clerk, your signature on the request will be checked against your voter registration record before a ballot is issued. You must be a registered voter to receive an absentee ballot. Requests for absentee voter ballots are processed immediately. Absentee voter ballots may be issued to you at your home address or any address outside of your city or township of residence.

After receiving your absentee voter ballot, you have until 8 p.m. on election day to complete the ballot and return it to the clerk's office. Your ballot will not be counted unless your signature is on the return envelope and matches your signature on file. If you received assistance voting the ballot, then the signature of the person who helped you must also be on the return envelope. Only you, a family member or person residing in your household, a mail carrier, or election official is authorized to deliver your signed absentee voter ballot to your clerk's office.

If an emergency, such as a sudden illness or family death prevents you from reaching the polls on election day, you may request an emergency absentee voter ballot. Requests for an emergency ballot must be submitted after the deadline for regular absentee voter ballots has passed but before 4 p.m. on election day. The emergency must have occurred at a time which made it impossible for you to apply for a regular absentee voter ballot. Your local clerk will have more information about emergency absentee voter ballots.

Voting is one of the most cherished and fundamental rights in our country. If you are eligible to obtain an absentee voter ballot and cannot attend the polls on Election Day, use of the absentee voter ballot is strongly encouraged.

Q. When will my road receive chloride to keep the dust down?

A. With the funds collected on the road millage, Deerfield Township has historically applied three applications of chloride on all dirt roads located in Deerfield Township. An easy way to remember when the chloride is applied is to remember the following Holidays as a general guideline; First application around Memorial Day Holiday, second application around the Fourth of July Holiday, and the third application is around the Labor Day Holiday. The applications of chloride may be delayed if there is a lot of rain around the time of the applications.

Q. Do I need a license for my dog?

A. Yes, a dog license is required.

Dog License Fees

	1 Year	3 Year *
Current Spayed/Neutered	\$10.00	\$25.00
Current Male / Female	\$25.00	\$60.00
Late Fee	\$20.00	\$20.00

* The rabies vaccination must be valid for the entire 3 year period.

Exceptions: Contact Township Treasurer for more information.

License Expirations:

Dog Licenses now expire when the rabies vaccination expires. Expirations extend to the MONTH of the current rabies vaccination date. The county Treasurer will send reminder postcards 60 days prior to the rabies expiration.

Q. How many dogs/cats am I allowed to have?

A. Please contact the Deerfield Township Zoning Administrator, Monday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Q. How many horses (or large farm animals) am I allowed on my property?

A. The raising and keeping of farm animals and non-predatory animals may be conducted as accessory to the principal residential use of **a lot of two (2) acres or larger in an A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4, R-1, and R-2 District**, provided activities associated with the keeping of such animals are in accordance with the Generally Accepted Agricultural and

Management Practices of the Michigan Agriculture Commission, and all applicable county, state and federal regulations. ***However, the following additional provisions shall apply in the A-2, A-3, A-4, R-1, and R-2 Districts:***

1. ***No more than one (1) large farm animal shall be permitted per one (1) acre of lot area, except that in no case are swine permitted in such Districts.***
2. No more than one (1) non-predatory wild animal over fifty (50) pounds in weight, or ten (10) non-predatory wild animals of fifty (50) pounds or less in weight, shall be permitted per one (1) acre of lot area.

Q. Who do I call to get trash pickup service?

A. Trash pickup services which are available at property owner's expense in Deerfield Township: (some companies may not service all areas)

Waste Mngt	(800)-796-9696
Alchin's	(517)-223-7119
Republic	(810)-341-9750
Dougies Disposal	(810)-991-1579

Q. What companies provide internet service?

A. The following Internet service Companies do not service the entire Township. Please call to determine if they service your home.

ATT DSL Service: 1-800-CALLATT
Tri-County Wireless: 810-433-8600
Hughes Net: 1-866-556-9657

Q. What companies provide cable service?

A. Cable Service in Deerfield Township is provided for by Charter Cable. You can contact them at 877-839-4881.

Q. What companies provide electric service?

A. Consumers Energy 1-800-477-5050

Q. What companies provide natural gas service?

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Q. Who do I call with questions on sewer start-up or bills?

A. Sewer service is only located in Sections 1 and 2, in the northeast section of Deerfield Township. Contact Argentine Township with any questions, 810-735-5050.

Q. How do I get rid of large items like refrigerators or sofas?

A. If you contact your local garbage service sometimes they will pick up large items for a small fee. Every other year (even years) the Saturday after Mother's Day, the Deerfield Township Board holds a large item Clean-Up day.

No hazardous waste material will be accepted. Other items not accepted include but are not limited to, burn barrels, propane tanks, fuel tanks, oil drums or household garbage. Any questions contact 517-546-8760.

For hazardous waste disposal, contact the Livingston County DPW/Solid Waste Hazardous Waste Program at 517-545-9609 for more information.

Q. *Where can I get tax information?*

A. Tax information may be obtained from the Deerfield Township Treasurer's Department at 517-546-8760 on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Another service offered through Livingston County is a website at www.livingstonlive.org. You will need to sign in and pay a fee for any information that you request online.

Q. *What parks are located in Deerfield Township?*

A. Deerfield Township has an abundance of recreation opportunities. The Deerfield Township owned Deerfield Hills Nature Area consisting of 365 acres is located off Green and Cohoctah Roads. The County owned Lutz County Park consisting of over 300 acres is located off of Lutz Road just north of Cohoctah Road in the northwest corner of Deerfield Township, and the State of Michigan owned Oak Grove State Game Area consisting of over 1,500 acres is located in the western section of Deerfield Township.

Q. *What School Districts are located in Deerfield Township?*

A. School districts located in Deerfield Township are:
Howell Public Schools - www.howellschools.com
Hartland Consolidated Schools - www.hartlandschools.us
Byron Area Schools - www.byron.k12.mi.us
Linden Community Schools - www.lindenschools.org

Q. *What Library do I use?*

A. Hartland School District serviced by: Cromaine District Library- www.cromaine.org
Howell School District: Carnegie District Library- www.howelllibrary.org
Linden School District: Genesse District Library, located in the Historic Linden Mill in downtown Linden www.lindenmi.us