

**City of Bloomfield Hills**  
**Right of Way Management for Road & Infrastructure Improvements**

Water main infrastructure improvements and road work will require construction in the City owned road rights of way. The City has the ability to regulate the rights of way on City streets [City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18 Article VII]. We are continually reviewing areas that may require removal of landscaping or structures to complete the infrastructure and road improvements. We are committed to communicating with property owners that will be impacted by this work. The following policies will help property owners understand the City's management of items that may be located in the City's road right of way:

**Brick Paver Driveway:** Brick paver driveways will be removed approximately 3'-5' from the proposed edge of shoulder. The contractor will remove the pavers and stack the pavers on your property, out of the road right of way. After construction, a stone base will be laid where the pavers were removed. It is the property owner's responsibility to replace the brick pavers up to the road edge, after the road is paved and the restoration work is completed.

**Decorative Driveway:** Decorative driveways will be removed approximately 3'-5' from the proposed edge of shoulder. After construction, a stone base will be laid where the decorative driveway was removed. It is the property owner's responsibility to schedule the replacement of the decorative driveway material after the road is paved and the restoration work is completed.

**Boulders:** The Contractor will move existing boulders located in the City's road right of way and place the boulders onto your property, outside of the right of way. Upon completion of construction and in keeping with the City's ordinance regarding right of way management, it is the homeowner's responsibility to re-install the boulders no closer than 3 ft. from the traveled portion of the road.

**Trees:** Trees located in the right of way or tree branches hanging into the right of way may need to be trimmed by the contractor to allow for installation of underground utilities. The City is committed to saving and protecting trees to the best of our ability while replacing infrastructure in the right of way. Damage to trees or to a root system that is in the City right of way as a result of construction will not be the responsibility of the City during the restoration phase of the project.

**Landscaping:** Landscaping in the right of way may be disturbed by the contractor to allow for installation of the underground utilities. As each circumstance is different, the Project Manager will communicate with each property owner as to the extent of the landscape disruption required to complete the infrastructure work.

**Irrigation:** During construction on your street, it is recommended to turn off your irrigation zones that run along the roadway. If the Contractor hits or damages the irrigation system, they will make repairs during the restoration stage of the project.

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**Rock/Brick Retaining Walls:** Retaining walls in or near the right of way may be disturbed to facilitate the installation of underground infrastructure. As the project progresses, we will communicate with you regarding any direct impact to your property.

Should you have questions regarding the city right of way near your property, please contact DPW Foreman, Jamie Spivy at (810) 656-7531.