

Good Neighbor Builder Code of Conduct

The City of Plymouth encourages responsible, considerate development in its residential and commercial neighborhoods. Builders* have the right to develop their property consistent with the laws of the City of Plymouth, Wayne County and State of Michigan. To preempt disputes and encourage good will, we ask Builders to adhere to this Good Neighbor Builder Code of Conduct:

Be Good Guests

Builders are guests in our community and are expected to respect the existing neighbors' and their property. Builders are expected to operate within the confines of the Plymouth city ordinances, codes and policies and should make every reasonable effort to operate in the least disruptive fashion possible as to equipment operation, noise of operations, employee behavior, cleanliness of site and safety of site.

Facilitate Communication with Neighbors

We encourage builders to communicate with the adjacent neighbors, prior to the start of construction, explaining their proposed project, expected duration of construction, and provide contact information for neighbors to use should an issue arises. Builders are encouraged to work with neighbors to proactively address neighbors' concerns before the project starts. City community development staff will make the site plans and exterior elevations available to the public at city hall pursuant to the public disclosure laws.

Manage and Secure Construction Sites

Builders are encouraged to manage construction sites to minimize safety risks to neighbors and the public at large. Site management including controlling the material and equipment deliveries so as not to overload the site or the right-of-way is expected. Excavating for footings and foundations are expected to be timed so that construction follows as quickly as possible to minimize the safety risks of open unprotected excavations.

Compliance with construction site fencing, silt fencing, and Wayne County Soil Erosion policies is required. Adjacent public sidewalks should remain open and usable, or a [sidewalk closure permit](#) must be obtained. Unless closed with a temporary sidewalk closure permit sidewalks must be kept clear of debris, dirt, mud, etc. Snow and ice must also be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours of accumulation. Grass and weeds on all construction sites must be trimmed in compliance with local ordinance requirements.

Walkways leading to and from schools and public facilities require extra care to avoid even temporary closure during normal travel time. Placement of portable restroom facilities and solid waste disposal should be placed on the building site to minimize impact on neighboring property. Use the link below to review the City's construction site maintenance provisions and regulations:

[Construction Site Regulations](#)

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Exert Care to Prevent Negative Impacts

Builders are to exert extreme care in designing their project and constructing their improvements to avoid cutting cable, telephone, power lines, etc. Care is to be exercised in grading and excavating to prevent damage to property, trees and landscaping on neighboring properties and public rights-of-way. Adequate provision for power and water are to be provided on site; unlicensed use of a neighbor's utilities is prohibited.

Consider the Surroundings

Builders are encouraged to preserve preexisting natural features on their property including trees and shrubbery. Efforts to blend designs into existing neighborhoods are encouraged. Builders are encouraged to maintain as much permeable surface as possible to reduce storm water run-off.

**The use of the term Builder includes the developing lot owner, general contractor of a construction project and/or all subcontractors.*