

## DECKS

### What Is a Deck?

A deck is a flat surface that is located on a parcel of land for the purpose of private or leisurely activities.



### Deck Requirements

A deck can be uncovered or covered, and will have different requirements depending on the type of deck.



### What Are the Required Setbacks?

An uncovered deck may extend into the setbacks of a district by:

- 1.5m (5 ft.) into the front yard;
- 0.6m (2 ft.) into the side yard; and
- 3.0m (10 ft.) into the rear yard.

All covered decks must meet the setbacks of their district. However, a covered deck may extend up to 2m (6.5 ft.) into the front yard setback.

### How Large Can a Deck Be?

The Land Use Bylaw allows buildings, including covered decks but excluding uncovered decks, to cover a percentage of the parcel area. This will limit the size and number of covered decks allowed on a parcel. Different districts may have different requirements regarding site coverage. Uncovered decks do not have a limit on size as long as they meet the requirements of the Land Use Bylaw.

### What Is a Utility Right of Way and Can a Deck Be Placed Over It?

A utility right of way is an area of land that allows the Town and Utility Companies the right to access the utilities or services that are buried underneath. A deck may not be placed or constructed over top of a utility right of way. However, written consent may be given by the person who the right of way is registered to and the person whose utility line is located in the ground for a structure to be placed over top of the area.



## Do I Require a Development Permit?

All covered decks regardless of height and uncovered decks that have a walking surface of 0.6m (2 ft.) or greater in height require a development permit.

An uncovered deck that has a walking surface less than 0.6m (2 ft.) in height does not require a development permit. However, the deck must still comply with the requirements of the Land Use Bylaw.

## Do I Need Any Other Permits?

If the deck has a walking surface 0.6m (2 ft.) or greater in height or if the deck is covered additional permits will be required.

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## More Questions?

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Development Services Department through the contact information below. For all requirements, restrictions and exemptions, please consult the Land Use Bylaw which may be downloaded from the Town of Ponoka website: <https://www.ponoka.ca>



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