TOWN OF BARRINGTON
DRIVEWAY CULVERT MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

Driveway culverts should be inspected at least once a year. Maintenance work should be scheduled throughout the spring, summer and fall. Poorly working culverts can cause flooding during heavy rains and significant damage to roads. Even during normal wet weather, a crushed or plugged culvert that allows water to back up in roadside ditches will contribute to the deterioration of the road as the standing water prevents further drainage from the road base.

Inspect your culverts at least once a year. After the inspection, prioritize the repair and maintenance they need. Schedule the work through, spring, summer and fall.

ROUTINE SEASONAL CULVERT MAINTENANCE

SPRING

- Inspect the inside as well as both ends of the pipe.
- Remove obvious blockage. (trash, brush etc.)

SUMMER

- Remove blockages.
- Clean and flush the length of the pipe.
- Repair, improve or install headwalls, pipe ends.
- Trim and remove brush at pipe ends and mow grass and weeds.
- Cut and remove trees and limbs that threaten to fall and block upstream ditches.
- Establish vegetation on bare slopes at ends to prevent erosion.

FALL

- Remove blockages.
- Mark headwalls or pipe ends for snowplow operators.

Remember!

Inspecting and Maintaining Driveway Culverts are the Homeowner's Responsibility