

**Section 5 of the Village of Chevy Chase  
Construction Site Protocol To Be Followed  
By  
The Property Owner/Owner's Agent and Contractors**

The following standards are required either by Montgomery County or by Section 5 of the Village of Chevy Chase. They are meant to be reminders about the importance of being considerate to adjoining residences during your construction period.

- 1) **Noise Control Abatement** - Montgomery County ordinances govern construction noise. Construction may not start until 7am on weekdays, and until 9am on weekends and holidays. Noise is to stop at 9pm. A noise disturbance is any sound that is unpleasant, annoying, or loud; abnormal for the time or location and detrimental to health, comfort, property or the conduct of business. With regard to building noise, some examples are: hammering, the use of power equipment, loud language and digging. To report noise disturbances outside regular business hours, call the police non-emergency line at 301-279-8000.
- 2) **Street Safety** - Montgomery County ordinances govern street safety. At no time should the homeowners or construction vehicles be parked
  - within 15 feet of a fire hydrant
  - within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection
  - within 30 feet in front of any flashing signal or stop sign located at the side of a roadway
  - in front of a private driveway except with the consent of the owner or occupant of the premises.
- 3) **Portable Construction Toilets** - Montgomery County ordinances govern the placement of "Porta-Johns". These should be placed on the owner's property and not on the municipal right-of-way. This is normally no closer than twelve feet from the curb.
- 4) **Construction Site Etiquette** - Section 5 of the Village of Chevy Chase and its residents expect the construction site to be generally free of construction waste. This means that the owner will either have a dumpster for the waste, or will have the waste regularly removed from the site. No construction vehicle can remain on the street overnight. No dumpster will be allowed in the street or public right-of-way. Contractors using heavy equipment and dumpsters within Section 5 of the Village of Chevy Chase must pay strict attention not to damage the roadways, curbs and aprons within the neighborhood. Any damage to the streets, including oil and paint spills, is the responsibility of the property owner.

The Section 5 Building Permit Inspector will examine and photograph the block or blocks of roadway surrounding a construction area at the time a building permit is granted. Once a job is complete, an-approved contractor will visit the street areas to determine whether repairs are needed or the homeowner's bond can be released.
- 5) **Garbage on the Site** - Montgomery County ordinances govern. All personal garbage must be bagged in a covered trash can. It may not be thrown on the ground, as it will attract pests and

create a general health hazard in a residential community. This garbage may be picked up by Montgomery County Sanitation & Recycling, Co., Section 5's trash hauler, if placed in trash bags. Some examples are coffee cups, plastic bottles, bags, food remains and so on.

- 6) **Use of Montgomery County Sanitation & Recycling, Co., to Remove Construction Materials** - Section 5 of the Village of Chevy Chase contracts with Montgomery County Sanitation & Recycling, Co., for waste removal. Construction materials are forbidden to be part of the Tuesday and Friday weekly pickup. A homeowner may make arrangements with Montgomery County Sanitation & Recycling, Co., for a special collection. The homeowner is responsible for the cost of that special collection.
- 7) **Protection of Right-of-Way Trees** - Prior to construction commencing, a building permit holder or his/her agent must install a fence or other barrier around all right-of-way trees that may be affected by the construction. A tree "may be affected" if any work will be done or construction traffic (including, but not limited to, vehicles, machinery, and construction workers) may come within 3 feet of the drip line of the tree. The fence or barrier must surround the tree at a distance of at least 3 feet from the trunk of the tree. If the tree is located within 3 feet of a sidewalk, a curb or the paved surface of a road, the fence or barrier is to be truncated so that it runs along the edge of the sidewalk, curb or road.

Section 5 residents who want to file a complaint, or have further questions about Montgomery County ordinances, should call the Montgomery County Environmental Protection Office at 240-777-7770.