

CITY OF HAM LAKE

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EASEMENT RESTRICTIONS

This handout is provided to assist property owners in the process of planning any home improvements involving easements. There are a variety of drainage and utility easements that exist. Some have restrictions and others are less restrictive. Some may have ponds, wetlands or utilities in them. Others may be used as vehicle access easements. Others may just be standard 10-foot drainage and utility easements.

It is your responsibility to check to see if your proposed improvement(s) will be allowed to encroach into the applicable easements(s). Before any work takes place, it is important to contact Gopher State One Call at 651-454-0002 about underground utilities. It may also be necessary to contact the Coon Creek Watershed District at 763-755-0975, Anoka Conservation District at 763-434-2030 and/or the City of Ham Lake 763-434-9555 to verify easements or possible wetlands on your property or if you have any questions related to what is allowed in an easement.

FENCES:

Are *not* allowed in easements with drainage ponds, wetlands, utilities or those that are needed for access.

RETAINING WALLS, PERMANENT PLAYSETS, SPORT COURTS OR OTHER PERMANENT STRUCTURES:

Are *not* allowed in easements

IRRIGATION AND PORTABLE PLAYSETS:

Are allowed in easements, although the City is not responsible for damage if maintenance of any utilities is required.

TREES AND LANDSCAPING:

Are *not* allowed in easements with utilities or those that are needed for access. Otherwise allowed as long as the volume of material, which may displace water, remains constant to avoid potential flooding problems.