

Upper Makefield Township Department of Planning & Zoning

Sport Courts

General Information

Sport Courts of all sizes must comply with rules for stormwater management, property setbacks, lighting, and fencing. Please allow for permitting review time for both the Bucks County Conservation District and Upper Makefield's Department of Planning & Zoning.

- Stormwater Management**
 - A sports court measuring over 1,000 square feet of disturbance requires a grading permit from the Bucks County Conservation District, which is submitted with the Grading Permit Application to Upper Makefield Township.
 - A sports court that disturbs less than 1,000 square feet requires no grading or drainage permit plan. You will still need to show on plans how water quality and recharge requirements will be met. See guidance below.
- Setbacks.** Sport courts must be located 12 feet from the side and rear property lines. They must be behind the front line of the house.
- Lighting.** Lighting fixtures must be shielded on all 4 sides so as to not intrude on neighbor's yards and shall not exceed 15 feet high from the ground.
- Fencing.** Fencing shall not exceed 7 feet in height.

Required Forms and Submissions

- Zoning Occupancy and Use Permit Application** (with impervious calculations)
- Professional Services Agreement** to pay for Township consultant reviews. Please see the current fee schedule for escrow dollar requirements to be submitted.
- Electrical Permit** (when applicable) With this application you must submit an electrical plan that has been approved by a third-party Electrical Inspector.
- Grading Permit Application.** With this application, you must submit 2 sets of sealed grading plans. The submission must include a copy of the completed Bucks County Conservation District application. The Conservation District's application is called the Erosion and Sediment Control Application.
- Insurance.** Upper Makefield Township must be listed as "Certificate Holder" on a current Certificate of Insurance for all contractors, electricians and/or plumbers. If the property owner is doing the work, please provide a copy of the homeowner's liability insurance. Please sign page three of the zoning application for homeowner exemption and have it notarized.
- PA Contractor Registration Certificate.** Please submit a copy of the contractor's PA Contractor Registration Certificate.

All Township forms can be found at the following link:

<https://uppermakefield.org/departments/planning-and-zoning/permits-applications/>

Applications and supporting documents can be submitted via email to CodeOffice@uppermakefield.org