

FAUQUIER COUNTY

BLASTING REQUIREMENTS

Effective July 1, 2001 the following requirements will take effect when blasting within 250 feet of any structure.

A minimum of 8 feet of cover should exist from the top of the loaded borehole (powder column) to the ground surface, which may be accomplished by depth of drilling from existing grade for the placement of additional material over the blast area where a minimum of 8 feet of cover can be accomplished.

Stemming gravel will be used within each borehole. When blasting between structures for foundations, etc. mats will be used on all shots. Pre-blast survey will be required on all structures within 150 feet of a blast shot. All residents within 300 feet of a blasting site will be notified 2 days prior to conducting blasting. These requirements will apply in the towns along with other existing requirements (State and Local).

Advance notice should be provided to the Fire Marshal's Office indicating the location and anticipated date and time of blasting operations.

Blasting companies will be required to submit in writing a request to vary from the minimum requirements to the Fire Marshal's Office for approval.

Applications must include a site map showing the location of the blasting, a current certificate of liability insurance, and copies of all background clearance cards for any individual that will be doing any blasting on the specified location.