



Graham Fire & Rescue

STREETS, AVENUES & COURTS

In Pierce County, a road that runs East and West is called a “Street” and a road that runs North and South is called an “Avenue”. Many people have asked what difference a “Court” makes in their address, such as “Street Court”. Although a minor difference, it is very important to the Fire Departments, Police agencies, US Postal Service and other parcel carriers if we are to find your house.

To explain this, imagine a piece of graph paper with a map of Pierce County laid on top. Each one of the lines now represents a Street or an Avenue. Let’s say that two of these lines represent 192nd and 193rd St. What if there was a road in between them, where there is no line? That road becomes “192nd Street Court”.

A misconception about Courts is that they are short, dead-end roads. Although this is quite often the case, Courts are often longer, connecting other roads. If the “Court” is left out of your address when you call 9-1-1, there is a chance of a delayed response from the Fire Department or other emergency agency because we may be looking for your address on the next road over.

If you are unsure of your correct road name, contact Pierce County Planning and Land Services at 798-7200.

