

For Your Information!

Which side is the good side? When you build your fence it is up to you to decide, using the regulations as guidelines, how you want your fence to look. Style, colour, etc., are yours to decide. It is a good idea to check with your neighbours before building a fence to see if your plans can be incorporated with those that they might have.

Who pays for that? If your neighbour is making plans to build a fence you are **not** obligated to give money towards their project. However, it is often cost-effective to work with a neighbour in building a fence.

Swimming Pools? When building a fence for around a pool, contact a Building Inspector to discuss the fence requirements for swimming pools. A permit will be required for the locating of the swimming pool.



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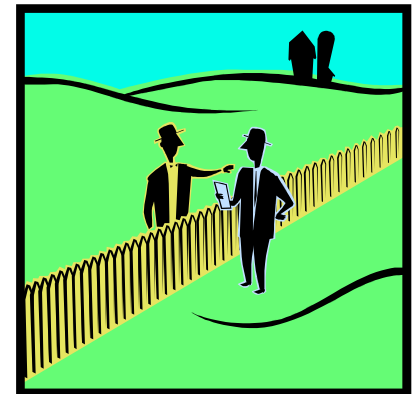
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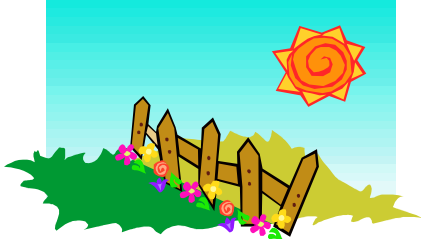
Constructing a Fence



Where can I build my fence?

You may build a fence along and up to your property line within your property limits. When neighbours are sharing a fence, they decide the location of the fence and they may build on the property line.

If you are building a fence **on a corner lot**, contact Planning Staff to determine your specific requirements. As well, special consideration is needed for building a fence adjacent to intersections or for visibility along back lanes.



To determine property lines, check your home records to see if you have a Surveyor's Building Location Certificate (a survey). If you cannot locate a survey or a copy of one, contact a Manitoba Land Surveyor to obtain one.

Do I need a building permit to build a fence?

A building permit is **not** required for building a fence. Be aware, height restrictions apply.



How high can I build my fence?

For a residential, non-corner lot, a fence built on normal ground levels may meet but not exceed the following requirements:

Front Yard

- Front wall of dwelling to front property line: one (1.0m) metre or three decimal four (3ft 4in) feet

Side Yard

- Side wall of dwelling to side property line: one decimal eight (1.8m) metres or six (6ft) feet

Rear Yard

- Rear wall of dwelling to rear property line: one decimal eight (1.8m) metres or six (6ft) feet

Please contact the Planning Staff to discuss placement of a fence on a corner lot.

What can I use to build my fence?

Residential fences may be built out of any material you wish with the exception of barbed wire or electric fencing. Some examples of materials you could use are wood, brick, concrete, metal, plastic or stone. As well, hedges or plant material may be used to give the effect of a fence. The same zoning regulations apply, regardless of the material used.

What are the requirements for a fence around swimming pools, ponds and other open water?

Any open water deeper than zero decimal six (0.6m) metres or two (2') feet must be enclosed by an unclimbable fence at least one decimal five (1.5m) metres or five (5') feet high. All openings must be lockable.

What if my plans don't fit in with the regulations?

If your plans cannot be altered to meet zoning regulations, you may apply to "vary" the regulation. Contact Planning Staff to discuss and file a variation application.