



**Acceptable Fence**



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## **Residential Fence Requirements**



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## General Requirements:

- You are allowed up to a six (6) foot fence in the rear and side yards.
- Fencing in a front yard is limited to a three (3) foot solid fence or a four (4) foot fence consisting of 50% or more open space. This may include chain link, wrought iron, split rail or a conforming picket fence.
- Fence framing and bracing are to be facing post side in.
- Corner lots are considered to have two (2) front yards and must meet the frontage requirements from each street. In the front yard - not facing the front of the principal structure - a fence (not over 6') must be no less than 10' from property line or one-half the width of front yard, whichever is greater.
- NO wire fence (barbed wire, live-stock, chicken wire, etc.) is allowed within the front yard area (except chain link).
- No plastic or mesh type fences are allowed within the city except to temporarily barricade off a hazardous or unsafe condition for a short period of time.
- No wall or fence is allowed within twenty-five (25) feet of a street intersection.

## Fencing Requirements for Swimming Pools:

### In-ground Pools:

- Pools must be completely enclosed by a fence not less than five (5) feet in height.
- Fence framing and braces must be located on the inside of the pool enclosure.
- Gates must be locked when pool is not in use.
- Fence must be constructed of non-climbable fencing material and approved by the City Inspector prior to installation. Open horizontal board fencing is **not** allowed.

### Above Ground Pools:

- Pools four feet or more in height may be able to serve as their own fence if the site is level and a lockable or removable ladder is used.
- Any decking placed against or around the pool shall be subject to similar safety requirements.
- An approved non-climbable fence may be required if the above mentioned requirements cannot be met.



### **DON'T FORGET YOUR PERMIT!!**

When applying for your fence permit, please remember to bring in your building plans, site plans and building permit application. The building permit application can be printed out online or you can fill one out at our Office.

Fence plans take two(2) days to be approved. When approved, our Department will call you to let you know.



“Maybe a privacy fence should have been built!!”