

Do I need a permit to build my fence?

No. A permit is not required to construct a fence.

How high can I build my fence?

Interior Sites

Corner Site	Corner Site			
Through Site				
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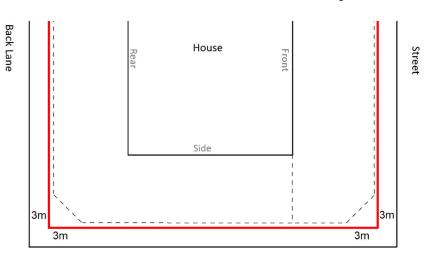
☐ Front yard: 4 feet (1.2m)

☐ Side and rear yard (anywhere else on the property behind the front wall of the dwelling): 6 feet (1.8m)

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- ☐ You can build a fence to the same height as those for interior sites shown above, except:
- ☐ When building a fence at the corner of two intersecting streets and/or lanes you must:
 - Cut across the corner, leaving the first 10 feet (3m) on either side of the corner clear of any sight obstructions, to maintain the full 6 foot (1.8m), or 4 foot (1.2m) fence height:



Corner Sites with Side Facing Entrance

Corner Site	Corner Site			
Through Site				
Interior Site	Interior Site			
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☐ For corner sites with a side facing entrance the existing rules make it impossible (in some instances) for homeowners to enjoy privacy in their yard space. Therefore:

☐ These types of lots are permitted to erect a 6 foot (1.8m) fence in what would typically be considered their 'front yard'

Where can I build my fence?

You may build a fence along and up to your property line within your property limits.

To determine property lines, check your home records to see if you have a Surveyors Building Location Certificate (a survey). If not, a copy of a survey can be obtained from a Manitoba Land Surveyor.

What can I use to build my fence?

Residential fences may be built out of wood, brick, concrete, metal, or stone. Hedges or other plantings may also be used to give the effect of a fence. Barbed wire or electric fencing is strictly prohibited in residential zones.

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

Any open water deeper than 2 feet (0.6m) must be enclosed by an unclimbable fence at least 5 feet (1.5m) high. All openings must be self-closing and self-lockable. Chain-link fences are acceptable.

What makes a fence climbable?

Fences are considered to be climbable when a foothold can be used. A typical example is a fence with horizontal boards causing it to be easily used as a ladder.

I still have questions, who do I contact regarding fences?

Please contact the Planning & Building Safety Department:

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