



FENCE BUILDING GUIDELINES

1. Fences do not require a Building Permit.
2. Retaining walls over 1m in height may require a permit. For more information contact 613-267-3311 ext. 2222.
3. A fence enclosing a private pool or hot tub requires a [Pool Fence Enclosure Permit](#). For more information contact 613-267-3311 ext. 2222.
4. A commercial fence could have limitations and approval requirements. For more information contact 613-267-3311 ext. 2252.
5. The following terms describe Fence location limits:
 - a. Front Yard is the yard between the front property line and the front of the dwelling unit.
 - b. Rear Yard is the yard between the rear of the house and the rear property line. This is for all lots, including interior lots and corner lots.
 - c. Interior Lot is a lot with two side yards abutting side yards or rear yards of another property.
 - d. Exterior Side yard is the yard that is between a street line and the side of a house (on a corner lot).
 - e. Interior Side yard is the yard between the side of house and a lot line that does not border a street.
 - f. Corner Lot is a lot that has two (2) or more yards abutting a street. The Front yard is the yard with the shortest amount of property line abutting an opened road, street or thoroughfare. The larger of the two yards is considered the Exterior Side Yard.
6. Determining property line location is the responsibility of the owner of the property.
7. Fences shall not be placed on property lines.
8. Fences cannot be electrified, have sharp objects, or generally pose a hazard to anyone that may come in contact with the fence.
9. Standalone residential fences in any interior yard or rear yard may have a maximum height of 2m (6.56ft) from grade to top of fence.
10. Fence on a retaining wall may have a maximum height of is 2.5m (8.2ft) from the base (toe) of the retaining wall.
11. Residential fences in front yard, exterior side yard, next to driveways, or on corner lots could have limitations and approval requirements. For more information contact 613-267-3311 ext. 2252.
12. Always call or click before you dig, [Ontario One Call](#) provides free locate services within Ontario.