



# Residential Fences



## How is height measured?

Topographically flat properties are measured from the ground level to the top of the highest point of the fence. Sloped properties are measured from the uphill side - not to exceed 10 feet when measured from the downhill



## Fences

Are defined as any obstruction constructed of any materials, including but not limited to wire, wood, cement, brick, plastic, and vegetative plantings arranged in such a way as to partially or wholly obstruct vision or block access



## Before Building

Call Oregon Utility Notification Center at 1-800-332-2344 and McMinnville's Building Division by dropping in or calling 503-434-7314



## Do I need a permit?

For complete rules and permit requirements for your specific project contact our office

## Property Lines

If you're unsure of your property line location, you may be able to determine it by locating the property's corner pins. Typically, a property's corners are marked by a piece of rebar topped by a yellow plastic cap.

McMinnville's Engineering Department has plot maps that may be of assistance in helping you locate property pins. Copies of your surveyed plot may be available from the Yamhill County Surveyor's Office.

## General Guidelines

- Property owners should always check their private covenants to ensure that additional fence height restrictions do not apply.
- Fences may be 7 ft along the rear and side property lines. Or 3 ft within 20 ft of the front property lines.
- It may be determined that a fence would not block the visibility of pedestrians or drivers. A taller fence may be permitted by the Planning Department with proper approval.



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