Fence Information for Residents

Permits

A building permit is not required to build a fence (unless a swimming pool or hot tub is on the property).

Style of fence

For non-pool fences, the City of Guelph does not regulate the design of the fence, materials used, which way the "good side" faces, or the cost breakdown between neighbours.

Height

Please refer to the *Fence Regulations* diagram below which outlines the maximum permitted fence height for various locations on a residential lot.

Location

To confirm where your side, rear and front property lines are located, please refer to your survey. Fences are not permitted to be built on city property. You will therefore have to ensure that you maintain the required distance back from the city curb or sidewalk. Neighbours may wish to construct a fence on their mutual property lines. If owners cannot reach an agreement about a mutual fence (and prior to fence construction), they may contact the City of Guelph **City Clerk's Office at 519-837-5603**, for information about the Provincial Line Fences Act and the Fence Viewers Committee.

Fences for swimming pools and hot tubs

If you are planning to install a pool or hot tub, please contact **Building Services at 519-837-5615** for information regarding permits, inspections and fencing requirements.

Maintenance

The maintenance and upkeep of fences is dealt with under the Property Standards By-law. For further information on this bylaw, please contact **Building Services at 519-837-5615**.

Drainage

Your fence should not impede, obstruct or alter the flow of water drainage.

Call Before You Dig

Avoid damaging underground utility services includes gas, telephone, cable or electrical. Call before you dig by contacting **Ontario One Call at 1-800-400-2255 or www.on1call.com**.

This information is intended as a **general guide only**. Other regulations or special circumstances may apply to your property, such as a legal non-complying status, previous minor variances or a site/area specific zoning in effect on your property. If you have any questions about the information provided, or would like to check your specific property, please contact City of Guelph **Building Services at 519-837-5615 or building@guelph.ca**.

Fencing and other information of interest may be found in the Zoning By-law which is available at on the City of Guelph's website at guelph.ca

Building Services

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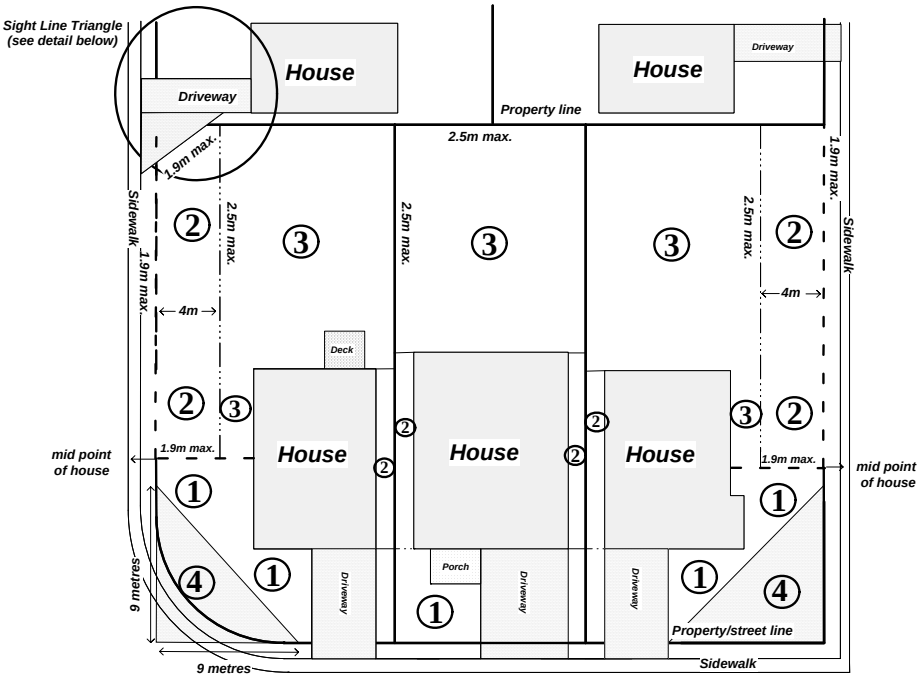
Fence Regulations

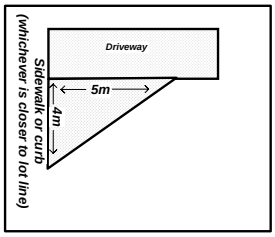


AREA 1:
0.8 metres (2 feet, 7 inches) maximum fence height

AREA 2:
1.9 metres (6 feet, 2 inches) maximum fence height

AREA 3:
-2.5 metres (8 feet, 2 inches) maximum fence height in the rear yard
- 2.5 metres (8 feet, 2 inches) maximum fence height in the exterior side yard (longest street frontage on a corner lot) from the midpoint of the house to the rear property line. The fence must be back 4 metres (13 feet, 1 inch) from the property/street line

AREA 4:
-not more than 0.8m (2 feet, 7 inches) above the travelled portion of the abutting streets



0.8m (2 feet, 7 inches) in General Driveway Sight Line Triangle Detail

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