

BUILDING DIVISION

FENCES



Do I need a permit for a fence?

You **do not** require a permit for a fence. However, homeowners are responsible for ensuring that their fence satisfies the requirements outlined in the Towns division and privacy fence bylaw (By Law 37-17)

<https://aylmer.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/DivisonFenceNEW.pdf>

How high can I build my fence?

Please refer to the Fence By Law 37-17 for details on standard requirements

QUICK GUIDE

- Side and rear fences must be no more than 1.8m (5'11") high
- Front yard fences must be no more than 0.9m (2'11") high
Definition of a front yard; means a yard extending across the full width of a lot between the front lot line of such lot and the nearest part of any building, structure or excavation on such lot.
- Privacy hedges and shrubbery are considered fencing and as such must be maintained in such a way to satisfy the maximum height requirements outlined in the bylaw
- If the property is located on a corner lot, sight triangle restrictions may apply.

What if I do not know where my property lines are?

We recommend before you construct a boundary fence between you and your neighbour that you know your exact property boundaries. An updated legal survey from a surveyor will determine your property lines.

We also recommend that you discuss the construction of the fence with your neighbour prior to, to prevent any issues regarding property line disputes.

Fences constructed directly on property lines or over on your neighbour's property may result in ownership conflicts. Any legal, survey, repairs, or removal costs arising from such disputes shall be the responsibility of the property owner.

Can I build a fence in a site triangle?

As per our Zoning By-Law 57-99 section 3(21) no fence is permitted to be constructed in a site triangle. A fence may obstruct the vision of persons driving vehicles on an abutting street.

Site triangle is defined as; the triangular space formed by the intersecting lot lines, at least one of which is also a street line, of a lot located at an intersection of two or more streets or at an intersection at grade of a street, measured 6m along the street line

ROAD INTERSECTION:



Who do I call if I have an issue with my neighbours fence?

For issues dealing with height, maintenance of fences, damage to fences, please call our By-Law Enforcement division at 519-773-3164, and staff will take your information to be passed along to the By-Law Officer. You can also fill out an online complaint form. **WE DO NOT HANDLE PROPERTY LINE DISPUTES**

<https://portal.laserfiche.ca/j4889/forms/BylawComplaintForm>

Important Numbers to know before you begin digging.

ON1CALL - Ontario One Call (natural gas, sewer/water lines, hydro) 1-800-400-2255, or directly to:

ERTH Power (hydro) 1-877-850-3128

Eastlink (telephone internet/cable) 1-888-345-1111

EPCOR (gas) 519-773-5321

Town of Aylmer (water/sewer) 519-773-4949