

FENCE GUIDELINES

Fences:

- (1) A building permit shall be obtained for all fences over six (6) feet in height and for installation of any fence greater than four (4) feet in height and less than 50% open which extends beyond the required front yard setback or the existing principal building, whichever is closer to the street.

Translation: if the fence is in your back yard 6' in height or less and doesn't create a sightline hazard you most likely don't need a permit.

- (2) All fences that require a permit shall be accompanied by a plot plan showing the location of the proposed fencing.
- (3) Fences may be installed up to but not on the property line.
- (4) Fences shall be installed with the finished or "good" side facing the adjoining property.
- (5) If the location of the fence is in dispute, it is the burden of the owner of the fence to certify its location.
- (6) Fences shall comply with 310 CMR and Newbury's Wetland By-Law.
- (7) If enclosing a swimming pool, spa, or hot tub, a fence must comply with the requirements of Appendix M of 780 CMR, The Massachusetts State Building Code.
- (8) For your protection installation of any fence on Plum Island should be reviewed by the Conservation Agent prior to purchase or construction.

Fence: Any structure constructed of wood, metal, wire mesh, or masonry erected for the purpose of screening one property from another either to assure privacy or to protect the property screened. For the purpose of this By-Law, a masonry wall is considered to be a fence.

Any questions please contact the Inspectional Services Department at 978-465-0862 x309.