

## INFO SHEET

# Fences

Applies to fence, hedge, solid wall or living fence.

A **zoning permit** must be obtained before installing any fence.

### Height

Front yards and along side in front of building line: maximum height 4 feet

Side yard along building: maximum height 5 feet

Rear yard and along side behind building line: maximum height 6 feet

Fence around swimming pool: heights as above, with at least one gate with a self latching or closing device at least four (4) feet above the ground so designed as to keep gates or doors securely closed.

Walls and fences shall be required to compliment the structural type, design, and color of the principal building. Walls and fences shall be constructed of durable, high quality materials and shall display a high level of quality in finish and detail. Walls with a lesser quality of finish and detail may be considered for approval if they are continuously screened by landscaping. Gates in walls and fences between streets and open areas may be required by the Planning Board.

The use of plant screens instead of fences is encouraged along property lines.

### Materials and construction:

1. If the fence is wood or wood frame, the framework must face the interior of the lot or be finished on both sides.
2. If the fence is open metal mesh supported by posts or frames or either pipe or wood, the posts and frame must face the interior of the lot.
3. If the fence is of masonry construction, a finished surface must be provided.

Two (2) separate fences placed back-to-back along common property lines shall be discouraged due to difficulty maintaining the area in between.

Hedges shall be subject to the same provisions as regular fencing; provided, however, that they shall not be placed nearer than four (4) feet to any sidewalk or any prospective sidewalk. The height of walls and fences shall be measured from the elevation of the average finished grade within ten (10) feet from the base of the wall or fence to its highest point. However, in no event shall any fence be higher than seven (7) feet from the grade from which the fence is installed.

No fence, hedge, or solid wall of any type shall be erected or maintained if it is deemed a safety hazard in obstructing the view of motorists. No fence may be permitted in the sight triangle, which is defined as the intersecting point of two straight lines 25' from the curb corner.