

### Do I need a permit to build a fence?

Generally no. Corner lots have special requirements, as well as a few other locations in Town. Please check with the planning and development department to confirm.

### What materials can I use to build my fence?

The Town does not regulate the style, colour, or type of fencing. Electrification of fences is not permitted nor are barbed wire fences.

### How do I determine property lines?

The best and most accurate method is to have an Alberta Land Surveyor stake them out.

### Am I responsible to pay half if my neighbour is building a fence along the property line?

This is a matter between your neighbour and yourself. Cooperation between neighbours is encouraged.

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Closed between

12 noon and 12:30 p.m.

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### Alberta 1 Call

Call before you dig

1.800.242.3447

Alberta 1 Call will assist you in locating electric, oil, gas and communication lines.

# BUILDING A FENCE



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FREQUENTLY ASKED  
QUESTIONS

FOR MORE  
INFORMATION





WHEN IN DOUBT,  
THE PLANNING,  
AND  
DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT IS  
HERE TO HELP!

In Whitecourt most fences can be built without permits.

Fences are permitted in all single family land use districts and are often built on the property line.

Fences can be 1m high in the front yard and 1.8m high in the side and back yard.

Corner lots often require special consideration to ensure good visibility for both pedestrian and vehicle traffic.

You are encouraged to meet with a Development Officer to discuss all of your options.



### If a Development Permit is required for your fence, you will need:

- A complete Development Permit application;
- A site plan showing:
  - Existing structures on the property and the proposed fence location;
  - Easements and utility right-of-ways (a site plan prepared by an Alberta Land Surveyor may be required).
- Application fees.

The application is reviewed by a development officer, and the application is then presented to the Development Authority for decision. If your application is approved you may proceed with construction, after the 21 day appeal window. If your application is refused, you may appeal the decision within the 21 appeal window.

### The appeal process:

You can appeal the decision or the conditions of approval. You must submit your appeal to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board within 21 days of the written notice of decision.

Please contact the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board at 780-778-2273 for more information regarding the appeal process.

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WHAT DO I NEED TO SUBMIT?