

FENCE GUIDELINES

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GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Incomplete applications will not be accepted and will be returned.
2. It is the responsibility of the general contractor to ensure they and their sub-contractors are licensed to operate in the City of Milford.
3. No permit will be issued if property owner is delinquent on City taxes, utilities, or has open code violations.
4. Permit reviews typically take 1-2 weeks. The Planning Department will contact you once the permit is completed and ready for pick up.
5. The Building Permit Placard must be displayed in a conspicuous location and visible from the street.
6. Before you dig, please call **Miss Utility at 1-800-282-8555** to have them mark utility lines. This is a **free service**.
7. City of Milford will not pick up construction debris. It is the responsibility of the contractor or homeowner to ensure trash is contained and disposed of in a timely manner.
8. If work being conducted is in Sussex County, you will need to contact them at 302-855-7860 to determine if a county permit is necessary.

PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

1. **Two** copies of the Survey/Plot Plan providing the height, location and construction materials of the proposed fence.
2. Homeowners Association approval letter.
3. Residential Permit Application Form.

INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS

All inspections requests must be requested before 4pm the day prior. Inspection requests shall provide the permit number, date of inspection, requested date, address, contact name, phone number and type of inspection.

1. Final inspection

COMPLIANCE GUIDELINES FOR FENCES

1. See below table for height limitations and protective extension regulations based on the use and zoning of a property.

Use Type	Maximum Height (in feet) in Front Yard Area	Maximum Height (in feet) in Rear or Side Yard Area	Barbed Wire/Razor Wire
Residential Uses and properties zoned R-1, R-2, R-3 or R-8	3.5	6	Prohibited
Schools in Residential Zones	6	8	Prohibited
Nonresidential Uses in the C-1, C-2, C-2A, C-3, OC-1, OB-1	3.5	6	Prohibited
Properties zoned I-1, I-2 and BP	8	8	Permitted
Properties zoned IM, IS and H-1	8	8	Permitted

2. Privacy fences are not permitted in the front yard area except in the I-1, I-2, BP, IM or IS zoning districts for non-residential uses.
3. Fences must be constructed with appropriate fencing materials, including but not limited to, chain link, vinyl, pressure treated wood, cedar, salt treated or other weather resistant material.
4. See Pools, Hot Tubs & Spas Guidelines for barrier and fence requirements associated with swimming pools.