

## Project Checklist

Determine if the fence requires a permit. 

Determine where your fence can be located. 

Determine whether height restrictions apply. 

Determine if there are any utility, drainage or other easements on your property. 

If on a corner or through lot, the permit application and site plan drawn to scale (as specified elsewhere in the brochure). 



Whether or not you need a permit, contact Diggers Hotline toll-free at least three days in advance at:  
1-800-242-8511.

The Community Development Department is located on the 2nd floor of City Hall, 140 Main Street.

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## What is a fence?

The City of Menasha Zoning Ordinance defines a fence as an enclosed barrier of vegetation, wood, stone, or metal intended to prevent ingress and egress. This definition includes the use of hedges.

The use of barbed wire, electrical, and single, double and triple strand fences are prohibited.

## Do I need a permit?

In most cases, a permit is not required to install a fence. However, if you have a corner or through lot, and want to build a fence within 20 feet of the street right-of-way, you must apply for a fence permit through the Community Development Department.

Applications must specify the following:

- Fence height and location
- Street right-of-way, including the location of the sidewalk (if present)
- Driveway openings, including those on adjacent properties
- Existing structures on the subject site and adjacent properties
- Type of fencing and/or material



Permit applications are available at [www.cityofmenasha-wi.gov/content/departments/community\\_development/Zoning\\_FAQ.php](http://www.cityofmenasha-wi.gov/content/departments/community_development/Zoning_FAQ.php). Issued permits may include limitations on the location, height, or materials used as may be necessary to protect public safety or community aesthetics.



## Are there any height restrictions?

- **Front or side yard** fences within the first 20 feet of the street-side property line may be no higher than 3 feet, and must be at least 2/3 visible (i.e.—a 1" picket must have at least 2 inches open on either side). If the fence is completely open (such as chain link), then the height maximum is 4' 6".
- **Rear or side yards** beyond 20 feet of the street-side property line should be no more than 6-8 feet tall.
- **Street intersection corners and through lots** require a permit and approval from the Community Development Department.
- **Any pool with side walls less than 4 feet high** must be enclosed by a fence that is at least 4 feet high. All gates must be self-latching. This requirement also applies to spas and temporary inflatable pools.

- **Above-ground pools with sides that are 4 feet or greater** do not need to be enclosed by a fence. However, access must be controlled. A removable ladder is an easy way to meet this requirement.

