

FENCE & RETAINING WALL GUIDELINES

Fence: an artificially constructed barrier erected to enclose or screen areas of land.

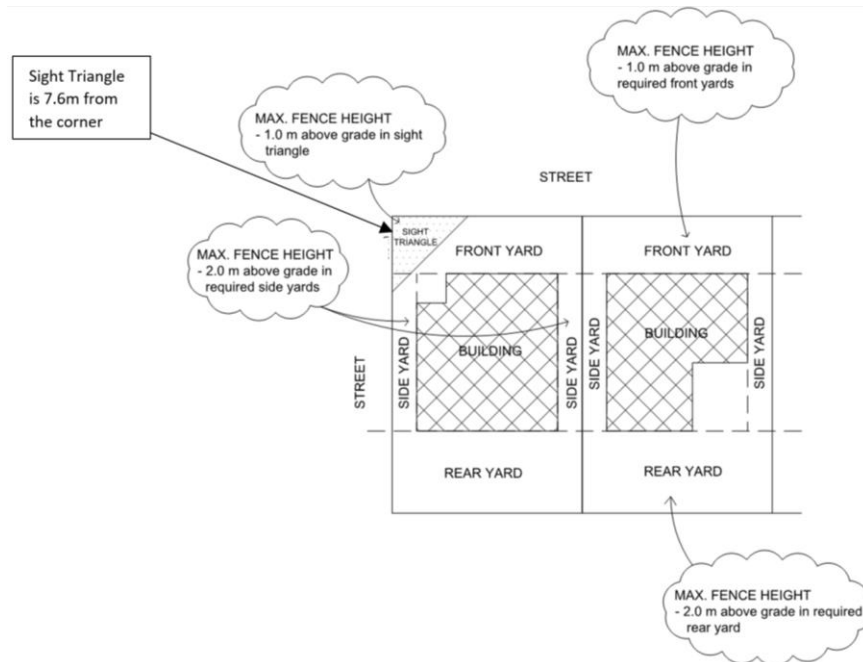


Figure 1 Fence Requirements in Residential Districts

The Town of Battleford’s Zoning Bylaw sets out the regulations governing the height and location of fences built in Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Community Service, Parks or FUD districts. Building permits are not required for fences but compliance with the regulations is required.

FENCE HEIGHT

	R1, R2, R3, R4, R4A, RMH	CS, C1, C2, M, FUD
Front Yard	1m (3ft 3in)	3m (9ft 9in)
Side & Rear Yard	2m (6ft 6in)	3m (9ft 9in)
Site Triangle (see Figure 1)	1m (3ft 3in)	N/A

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How is the height of a fence measured? The height of a fence is the distance from the ground level immediately adjacent to the fence to the highest point of the fence.

What type of fence is permitted? The choice of design, construction and materials is up to the individual. However, fences must be maintained in a safe and reasonable state of repair.

If a neighbour is building a fence between two properties, is the other party obligated to pay half? Cooperation between neighbours often results in cost-shared projects. The Town of Battleford has no jurisdiction in disputes arising over fence construction, cost or maintenance as these matters fall within provincial jurisdiction and can be resolved through civil litigation.

How are property lines determined? A surveyor’s certificate or real property report prepared by a Saskatchewan Land Surveyor can be used to accurately locate property site lines. It is the responsibility of the property owner to ensure the accurate location of fencing relative to their property site lines.

Does the front of a house always face the front property line? Not necessarily, the narrowest width of the lot is generally considered the front of the property.

RETAINING WALLS

A permit is to be taken out for all retaining walls over 600mm (24") high and retaining walls over 1070mm (42") high must be designed by an engineer.

All retaining walls over 600mm must be provided with a 900mm (36") guard for fall protection and retaining walls over 1800mm (6') must be provided with a 1070mm guard.

Also, note that if a person chooses to step the transition down with landscaping tie/stones, the individual steps must not drop more than 24"; there must be at least a 24" horizontal separation between subsequent steps.

NOTE: RETAINING WALLS REQUIRE A PERMIT AND ENGINEERED PLANS

DIAL BEFORE YOU DIG

It is recommended that you contact the following utility agencies **at least 48 hours prior to digging**, so that all lines can be properly located. There is no fee for this service:

SaskPower	1-888-757-6937	SaskEnergy	1-866-828-4888	SaskTel	611
Access Cable	306-445-4045	Battleford Utility Dept.	306-937-6220		

This reference has no legal status and cannot be used as an official interpretation of the various codes and regulations currently in effect. The Town of Battleford accepts no responsibility to persons relying solely on this information. If you have further questions or require assistance, please contact the Town Office at 306-937-6200.