

## Frequently Asked Questions

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

As long as the design and construction of your fence meets the Land Use Bylaw regulations, no Development Permit is required.

### Can I build a fence with my neighbour?

We encourage you to consult your neighbours and plan your fences cooperatively to maintain good relations. Neighbours can work together on sharing costs, planning the location and even on construction of the fence. Keep in mind that verbal agreements between old neighbours are not binding on new neighbours. If you don't get along with your neighbour, locate the fence entirely on your property. Plan your fence so that maintenance can be done on your lot.

### Why are the fencing regulations different for corner lots?

To allow for driver's visibility when turning at corners, a line of sight is maintained at intersecting roads.

### What are the regulations for a hedge?

The same fencing regulations apply for a hedge.



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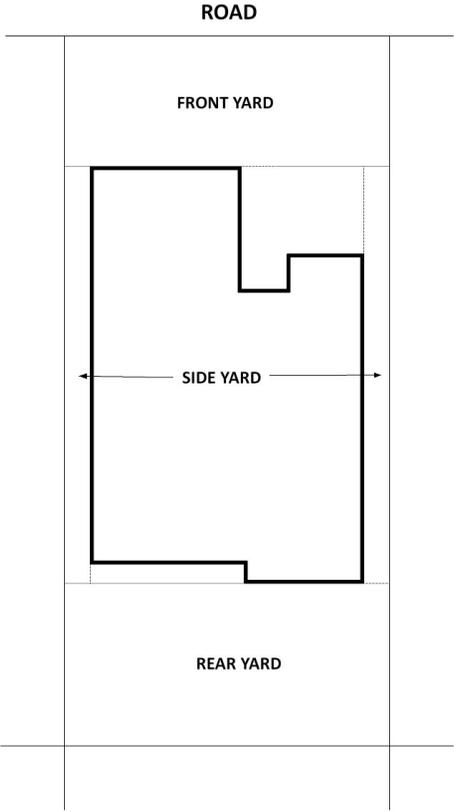
# BUILDING A FENCE:

## WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

Development in Morinville, including fences, is regulated by the Land Use Bylaw.

## HOW HIGH CAN MY FENCE BE?

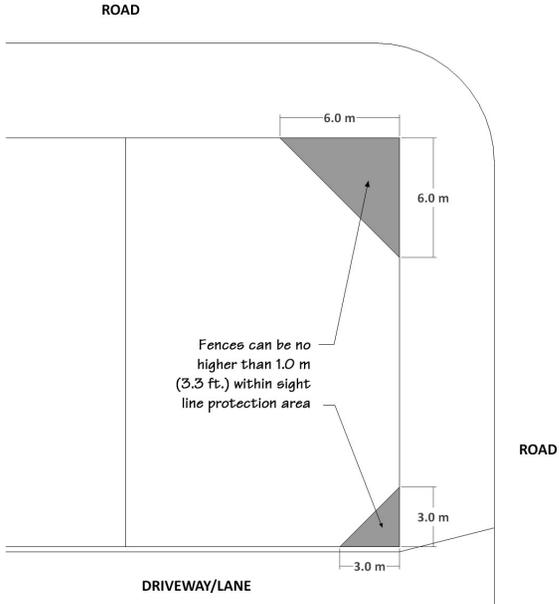
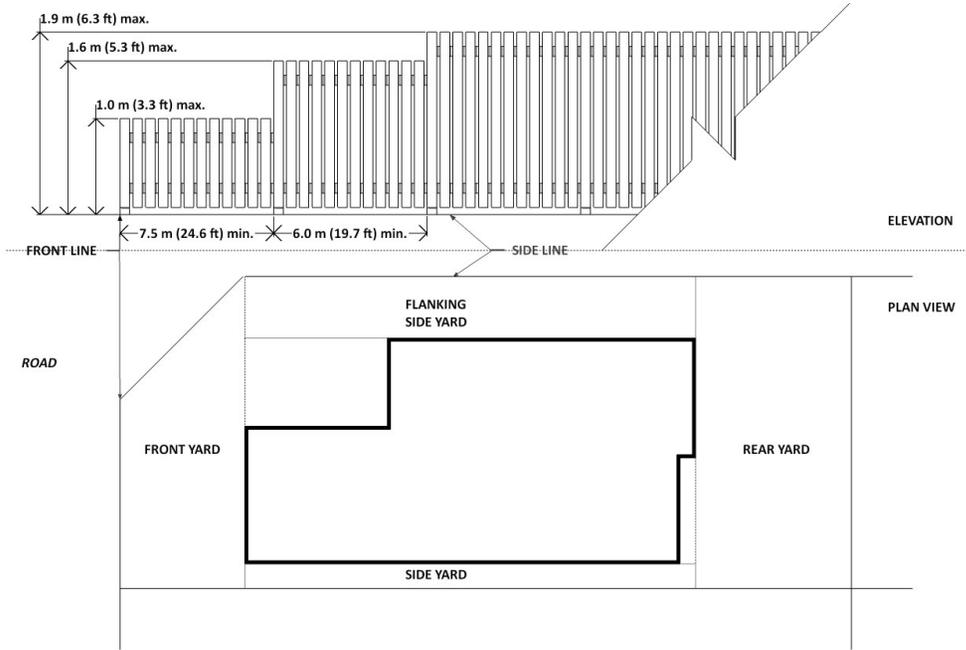
A fence or hedge should be no higher from the ground than 1.0 metre (3.3 ft.) in the front yard or 1.9 metres (6.3 ft.) in side and rear yards.



**Fences may be constructed along property lines. The best way to determine boundary locations is to contact an Alberta Land Surveyor.**

# What if I live on a corner lot?

The rules for fencing a corner lot are depicted in the image to the right and below. The regulations can be confusing and each lot is unique. The Development Officer would be happy to assist you with determining what requirements apply to your lot.



## WHAT MATERIALS CAN I USE?

Fences must be made of typical, permanent, sturdy material. Barbed wire is prohibited in residential and commercial districts. Morinville does not have any other regulations on building materials for fencing. However, in certain neighbourhoods there may be architectural controls regarding fences. Please contact your developer when in doubt.

Fences should be adequately anchored and fixed to the ground so that they are freestanding.

Electrification of fences and razor wire is not permitted in Morinville.