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I plan to build a fence. Do I need a Building Permit?

If the height and location of your proposed fence comply with the rules of the Land Use Bylaw, no permit is required prior to construction.

If your fence will exceed the maximum allowable height as specified in the Land Use Bylaw OR if your home is located near a river on land designated as being in the floodway, it will be necessary to obtain a Development Permit before building your fence. To determine if your home is located in the floodway, check the Land Use Bylaw section of The City's website at calgary.ca/landusebylaw (under "Maps") or call 403-268-5311.

For more information on Development Permit requirements, call 403-268-5311.

Please note: It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the work being carried out does not contravene the requirements of restrictive covenants, caveats or any other restrictions registered against the property.

Before you dig

Reduce the risk of personal injury and property damage by contacting Alberta One-Call at 1-800-242-3447 to request to have the location of your utilities marked.



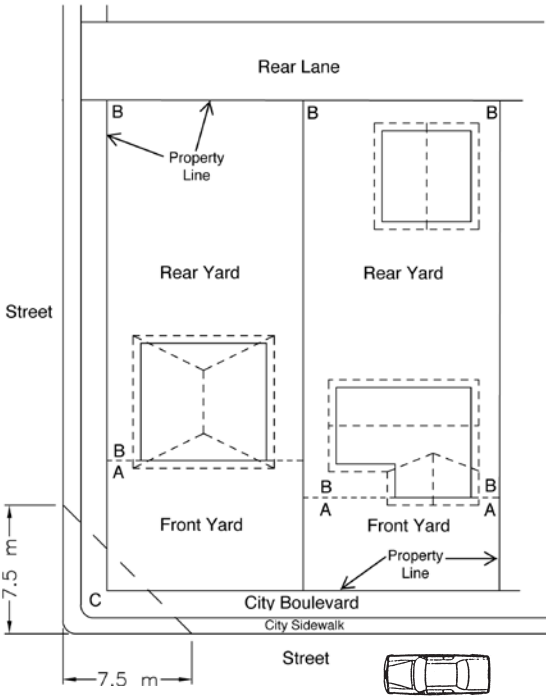


Diagram 1

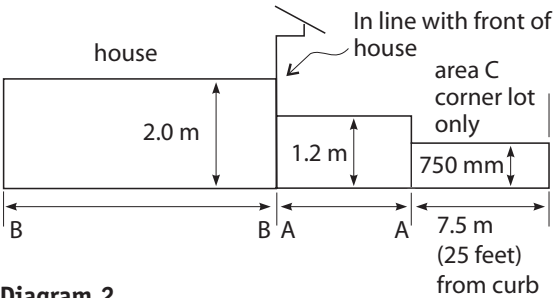


Diagram 2

What are the height restrictions?

Front yard

A front yard is the area from the side of the front of the house to the front property line and along the front property line (section A on diagrams 1 and 2). The maximum fence height allowed in the front yard is 1.2 m (3'11").

Back yard

A back yard is the area from the side of the front of the house to the rear property line and along the rear property line (section B on diagrams 1 and 2). The maximum fence height allowed in the back yard is 2.0 m (6'6").

Gates

The maximum height for a gate is 2.5 m (8'2"), as long as the gate is no more than 2.5 m in length.

Corner lots

Within a Corner Visibility Triangle, the maximum height allowed is 0.75 m (2'6") along a portion of the side and front property lines (section C on diagrams 1 and 2).

Note: When a fence is located on top of a retaining wall, the height of the fence is measured from the point where the retaining wall is no longer retaining soil.



What are the location restrictions?

Fences cannot be located on City property or on any City Utility Rights-of-Way. A Real Property Report, prepared by an Alberta Land Surveyor, will show the location of City property lines and Utility Rights-of-Way.

I share a fence with my neighbour. Who's responsible for it?

Fences on residential property are the responsibility of the property owner. If the fence is located within your property boundaries, you are responsible. Any cost for construction and/or maintenance of the fence is a private issue between neighbours.



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