



Village of Spring Grove

Fences

What is required to obtain a building permit for a fence at my home?

- Completed permit application including the estimated cost of construction.
- A copy of your Septic Plan indicating and highlighting the proposed location of the fence.
- A depiction of style of fence to be installed.
- An approval letter from the applicant's homeowner's association, if applicable.

How much does a building permit cost?

- The building permit cost is figured by the lineal feet. The cost is \$50.00 for the first 100 lineal feet. \$25.00 for each additional 100 lineal feet or part thereof.

What is the maximum height of a fence?

- A fence shall not exceed 6 feet in height in Residential Zoning Districts and shall not exceed 8 feet in height in Business and Industrial Zoning Districts.

Where on my property can a fence be located?

- A fence may only be located in the side and rear yards.
- A fence **shall not** exceed building setback lines for any lot lines abutting a street.
- A fence **shall not** be constructed on front lot lines or in front yards.
- A solid fence shall not exceed building setback lines.

Can my fence be built, so the bottom is in contact with the ground?

- Fences built in the side yard swale shall not be closer than three (3) inches from finished grade. If a drainage easement is located on your plat of survey, the bottom of the fence shall be no closer than four (4) inches from finished grade. All other fences shall be a minimum of two (2) inches from finished grade.

What type of fencing materials are allowed?

- Fences shall be constructed of traditional fence material such as: *wrought iron, wrought aluminum, painted PVC, cedar, cast iron and split rail*. Solid wood or PVC privacy fencing will not be allowed as perimeter fencing. There must be a minimum 1.5-inch gap between boards.
- Fencing material prohibited for residential use include barbed wire, electrified, snow fence, free standing wire, and masonry structures. Chain link fences are also prohibited, except for portable dog runs not greater than 12 ft. x 24 ft.
- Fences shall be so constructed that the finished side faces away from the fence owner's lot.
- Fences built on rear property lines that abut major arterial streets must be in harmony with any other fence along the same street.
- Signs placed on fences or posts advertising fence contractors or companies shall be prohibited.

- The building inspector has sole discretion in determining if a fence application needs to be reviewed by ARC.

What are the hours for construction?

- Construction hours are 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday and 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Sundays and legal holidays.

What inspections are required for an approved fence?

- **Post Holes.** All posts holes shall be a minimum 42" below grade.
- **Final.** A final inspection is required when the fence has been installed to ensure that it was installed properly and per the approved plans.
- **Inspection Times.** Inspections are scheduled on Monday, Thursday, and Friday between the hours of 7:30 am – 2:00 pm. Contact the Village at 815-675-2121 before 3:30 pm the day before the inspection is needed. Provide permit number and address when calling.

**If you have any questions concerning fence installation, please contact:
Village of Spring Grove Building Department
815-675-2121 ext. 207**

Important Information

State law requires the actual person doing the digging contact J.U.L.I.E. before you begin your project.

1-800-892-012 or 811

48 hours before you dig, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays

NOTE: Individual subdivision covenants may have special requirements and should be checked prior to applying for a permit or signing any contracts.