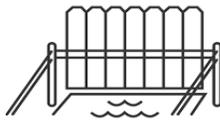


What should I know about installing a fence surrounding a pool?

You must obtain a pool permit prior to constructing or erecting a swimming pool. The purpose for this permit is to prevent an accidental drowning by ensuring that small children are unable to climb over your fence from the exterior side. This can be achieved, cost effectively, by using chain link fencing with diamonds no larger than 3.8cm (1.5") in diameter with a minimum height of 1.2 metres (4-0').

All gates are required to be spring-loaded, self closing, and self-latching.

For all other information with regards to pools, please refer to our swimming pool enclosure By-Law 2018-41 available at the Township Office or on our website at www.antownship.ca



What if my neighbour and I disagree about the fence?

If the fence is to be constructed along the boundary line, the Line Fences Act provides a mechanism to address disputes between neighbours. Contact the Township CAO / Clerk /Treasurer for more information. As an alternative, you may choose to construct the fence entirely on your own property.

Can I get a Variance from the Fence By-Law regulations?

Yes, a variance may be authorized by the Chief Building Official or their designate, if in his/her opinion the proposed fence is not causing a visual obstruction to persons or vehicles while entering or exiting a driveway or travelling along a street, lane, or sidewalk.

This process requires that you make an application, provide a sketch, and pay a fee of \$75.00. The fence variance application can be obtained from our website or by visiting the Township office.

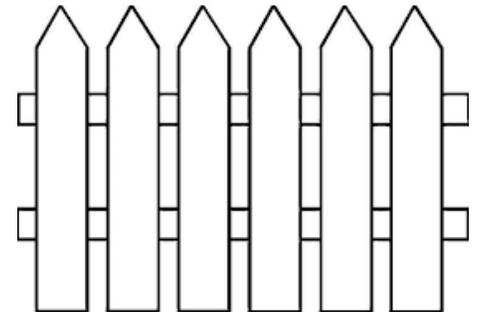
If you require copies of our by-laws, or have any further questions, please contact:

- 1. Justin Isles, Building Department/By-Law Enforcement Officer at jisles@antownship.ca**
- 2. Ed Whitmore, Chief Building Official/ Planning Coordinator at ewhitmore@antownship.ca**
- 3. Shannon Herman—Building & Planning Department Assistant at sherman@antownship.ca**

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What you need to know before building a fence in the Township of Asphodel-Norwood



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What is a fence?

A fence is any structure used to enclose or divide, in whole or in part, a yard or other land to establish a property boundary inclusive of any hedges consisting of a dense line of bushes or small trees.

What are the restrictions?

No person have, erect, construct, maintain or permit to be erected, constructed or maintained the following:

- Snow fencing as part or in place of permanent fencing
- A fence comprised of sheet metal or corrugated metal panels
- A fence that contains or is constructed of any hazardous materials such as razor wire, barbed wire, or any other sharp projections capable of causing physical injuries to humans save and except for the purposes of managing livestock as part of an active agricultural facility
- A fence that may also be considered in the Industrial Zone and used at a height of 2.4 metres (8-0') above ground level at the discretion of the CBO or their designate
- A fence or any attachment to a fence which may be used as a conductor of an electrical current save and except for the purposes of managing livestock as part of an active agricultural facility
- A fence erected, which by reason of its location, design or materials, obstructs traffic sightlines or which obstructs or detracts from the visibility or effectiveness of any traffic sign or traffic control device on a public street

What are the requirements of an allowable fence?

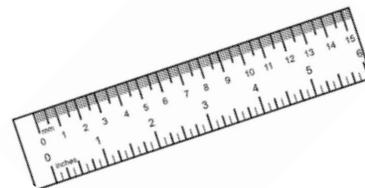
The owner of the land on which a fence is erected or installed ensures the fence is maintained in a good state of repair and is:

- Structurally sound, plumb, and securely anchored;
- Protected by weather-resistant materials;
- Not showing any broken, rusted, or rotten components, is not a hazardous condition, and is free of peeling; and
- Not presenting an unsightly appearance to the abutting land or neighbourhood, and is free of markings or other defacements on the exterior or surface

What are the height requirements for fences?

In accordance with By-Law 2018-55 residentially zoned fences must be erected, constructed or maintained with the following regulations:

- A fence erected within a rear or side yard shall not exceed a height of 2.0 metres (6-6')
- A fence erected in a front or exterior side yard shall not exceed a height of 1.0 metre (3-3') when constructed of solid materials; and shall not exceed a height of 1.2 metres (4-0') when constructed of open materials
- A fence erected near a water body shall not exceed the height of 1.2 metres (4-0') where the fence extends beyond 9.1 metres (30-0') from a residential building



How is height measured?

It is the vertical distance measured from the ground level where the fences posts are embedded to the top of the fence, excluding the post. Where a fence is located on the top of a retaining wall, 'height' shall mean the vertical distance measured from the top of the retaining wall to the highest point of the fence excluding the post.

Where can I put a fence?

You have the right to construct a fence along the boundary line. This approach requires that you come to terms with your neighbor as it will be jointly owned and maintained. Most often, homeowners elect to construct the fence entirely on their own property which provides them with the flexibility to choose the style and height of fence that they desire. In order to ensure that the fence is located properly, it is important to reference your survey stakes which accurately depicts the location of the boundary lines between you and your neighbour(s).

How can I obtain a survey?

Check your records. Some homeowners may have previously acquired this document during the purchase of property. Otherwise the services of a qualified Land Surveyor should be obtained. A land survey is the best tool you can have to avoid neighbourly disputes.