



FENCES

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Permits and Plans

A **Zoning permit** is required for fences 6' in height or less. Any fence over 6' in height requires a conditional use permit and building permit. Please contact Jordyn at 763-762-5765 with any questions.

- ▶ Each application must include a Site Survey/Plot Plan showing the exact locations of the following:
 - Precise Property lines drawn neatly and to scale
 - Existing house and structures on property in precise dimensions to property lines
 - Proposed fence location(s), materials, height, and dimensions

* Positively identifying property lines is the responsibility of the permit applicant. You may contact Jordyn at 763-762-5765 to inquire if a copy of the property site survey is on file.

ALWAYS CONTACT GOPHER STATE ONE BEFORE DIGGING!!!

1.800.252.1166 or www.gopherstateonecall.org

City of Isanti General Fence Requirements

1. All privacy fences shall be placed a minimum of 2' from public right-of-way or public property. A 4' chain link or comparable opaque fence can be placed up to the right-of-way.
2. No fences shall be permitted within a stormwater flow path. Fences within a storm pond drainage easement shall be reviewed by Public Works.
3. No fence shall enclose a water shut off valve to the interior side. Public Works must have clear access.
4. Residential fences up to six (6) feet in height may be permitted in side and rear yard only.
5. Fences shall be placed a minimum of one foot from property lines unless a signed "property line agreement" is completed with the adjoining property owner. This letter must accompany the fence permit application.
6. The most aesthetically pleasing side of the fence shall face the adjoining properties.
7. Only decorative fences up to three (3) feet in height and 50% opaque may be permitted in front yards.
8. On a corner lot, no fence except chain link may occupy the triangle formed by the right-of-way lines of intersecting streets (triangle is followed back 25' from corner of street).
9. No fences shall be electric, chicken wire, snow fence, branches, metal sheeting or have barbed wire.
10. Whenever fences are installed over a utility easement, Centerpoint Energy requires a 10' wide unlocked gate centered over the location of the gas pipeline. They may be contacted at 612-372-4727. Should maintenance of this pipeline ever require excavation, Minnesota Intrastate Pipeline Company may remove the fence depending on the urgency. Minnesota Intrastate Pipeline Company would not be responsible for replacing any sections of fence removed for access.

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