

FENCES – FACT SHEET

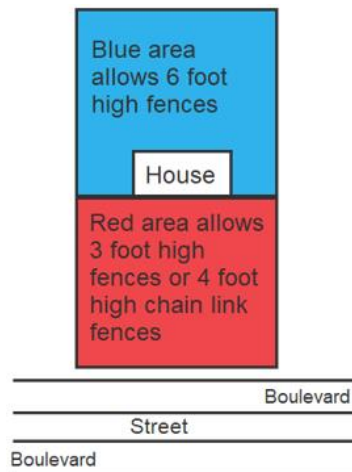
Do I need a permit to build a fence?

You need a zoning permit to construct a fence. The application for a zoning permit is available at: <https://laserfiche.ci.detroit-lakes.mn.us/Forms/ZoningApplication>

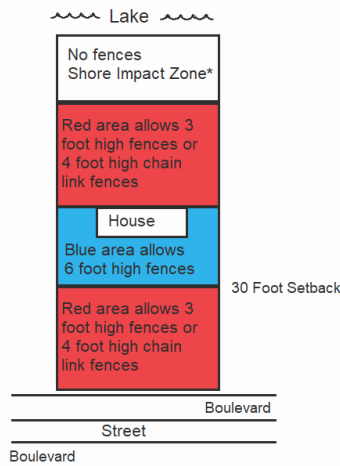
Where can I have a fence in my yard?

Fences up to 6 feet high can be placed anywhere on your lot except in the front yard. Fences in the front yard from the front lot line to the closest building line can be 3 feet high or if they are chain link they can be 4 feet high. See diagram below:

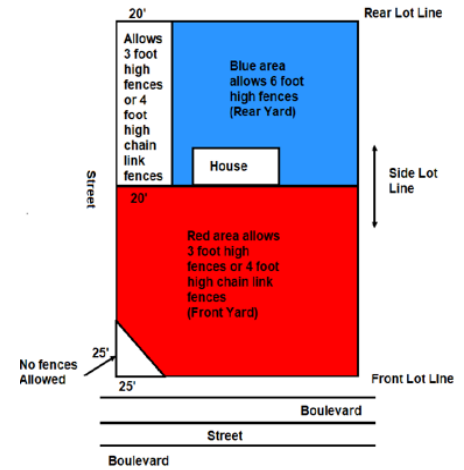
Fence Height Standard Lot



Fence Height Lake Lot



Fence Lot Corner Lot



What are the setback requirements?

Fences can be constructed up to the property line.

How is the height of a fence measured?

Fences are measured from the ground immediately adjacent to the fence to the top of the fence panel except that a fence within 3 feet of a property line shall be measured starting from the lowest point within 3 feet of the fence.

Which way does my fence have to face?

All posts and supports must face the owner's property and the fence boards must go on the outside.

What are suitable materials for constructing a fence?

Suitable materials for a fence are wood, lattice, metal, vinyl, masonry, or other materials designed for permanent outdoor fencing. Fences cannot be constructed from materials originally intended for other purposes.

How do I know if there are utilities where I plan to build my fence?

You are required by State law to contact Gopher State One. Call before you dig or install your fence. There is no cost to make the call. Call 1-800-252-1166 or online:

<http://www.gopherstateonecall.org/>