



TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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Fence Guidance

In Southborough, residential fence installations are subject to specific regulations regarding height and property setbacks.

Height Regulations:

- Fences up to six feet in height are not considered structures and therefore do not require a building permit.
- Fences exceeding six feet in height are considered structures and must comply with applicable building codes and zoning regulations.

Setback Requirements:

- While the Town's bylaws do not specify setback requirements for fences up to six feet tall, it's advisable to position your fence within your property boundaries to allow for construction and maintenance without encroaching on neighboring properties.
- For fences over six feet in height, standard setback requirements for structures apply, which may vary depending on the zoning district. For example, in certain residential districts side setbacks may be 120 feet, while rear setbacks could be 35 feet.

Additional Considerations:

- Ensure that the fences does not obstruct visibility for driveways, walkways, or intersections as this could pose safety hazards.
- It is recommended to have a clear understanding of your property lines before installation. Consulting with a registered land surveyor can provide accurate delineation of boundaries.
- While not mandated, it's courteous to discuss your fencing plans with adjacent property owners to address any potential concerns.

For detailed information or clarification on specific scenarios, it's advisable to contact the Southborough Building and Zoning Department directly. Please note that regulations can change, so it's essential to verify current requirements with the appropriate municipal office before proceeding with any fence installations.

Any fences located in the Right of Way (not on your property) are subject to removal by the Town of Southborough.