

Guide to Fence



Swimming pool enclosures

A pool is defined as a body of water, including hot tubs or inflatable pools, with a depth at any point in excess of 0.61 metres (two feet). All swimming pools within the Town of Oakville must be fully enclosed in a safe manner by a fence, building, or wall. The enclosure should:

1. Be not less than 1.2 metres (four feet) in height.
2. Have openings that are no greater than 38 millimetres (1.5 inches).
3. Be equipped with a lock as well as a self-closing and self-latching device on all gates and doors.
4. Not have any part on the exterior face of the fence or gate that would facilitate climbing.
5. Be completely constructed before the pool is filled with water.
6. Be maintained in a safe and structurally-sound manner.

All pools require a pool enclosure regardless of when they were built. A pool enclosure permit is required before beginning construction. Permits may be obtained from Town Hall. For further information on pool enclosures please refer to the Pool Enclosure By-law 2006-071, as amended, available at oakville.ca or call ServiceOakville at 905-845-6601.

Hot tubs

Hot tubs are defined as a hot tub, Jacuzzi, whirlpool, or spa. No permit or pool enclosure is required for a hot tub that is equipped with a substantial cover, capable of holding 90.72 kilograms (200 pounds) and is permanently fixed to the structure, and locked when the hot tub is not in use. For more information, contact ServiceOakville at 905-845-6601.

Please note

If your fence is in violation of the Fence By-law, or the town receives a complaint regarding your fence, you will be required to modify the fence and bring it into compliance with the Town of Oakville Fence By-law 2002-034, as amended.

If you require mediation services for fence disputes contact Community Conflict Resolution Services of Halton at 905-844-5414 or visit their website at www.ccrshalton.com.

This brochure is for general information only and should not be used as a substitute for the Town of Oakville's Fence By-law, as amended.

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Before erecting a fence

Please review the information in this brochure and the Town of Oakville Fence By-law 2002-034, as amended, to ensure compliance. The By-law is available at oakville.ca. Please consult your property survey for the location of property lines.

No fence should encroach onto town-owned property.



The height of a fence is measured from grade at the base of the fence.

Front yard

Front yard fences may reach a maximum height of 1.5 metres (five feet) provided any fencing above one-metre (three feet three inches) is commercially available open lattice. No portion of the front yard fence greater than 0.91 metres (three feet) is permitted in the visibility triangle (please see diagram).

Rear/side yard

Rear and side yard fences may reach a maximum height of two metres (six feet six inches) solid construction. Fences may reach as high as 2.2 metres (seven feet four inches) provided the solid portion is only 1.9 metres (six feet two inches) in height and the remaining 0.36 metres (one foot two inches) is commercially available open lattice. No portion of the side yard fence greater than 0.91 metres (three feet) in height is permitted in the visibility triangle (please see diagram).



Grade differences between lots

Where the grade elevations of adjacent lots differ, the height of the boundary fence should be measured from the mean grade (mid-point) elevation between the two lots.

Cost sharing with your neighbours

Please refer to the Fence Apportioning Cost By-law 1991-084, as amended, available at oakville.ca.

The visibility triangle

Corner lot

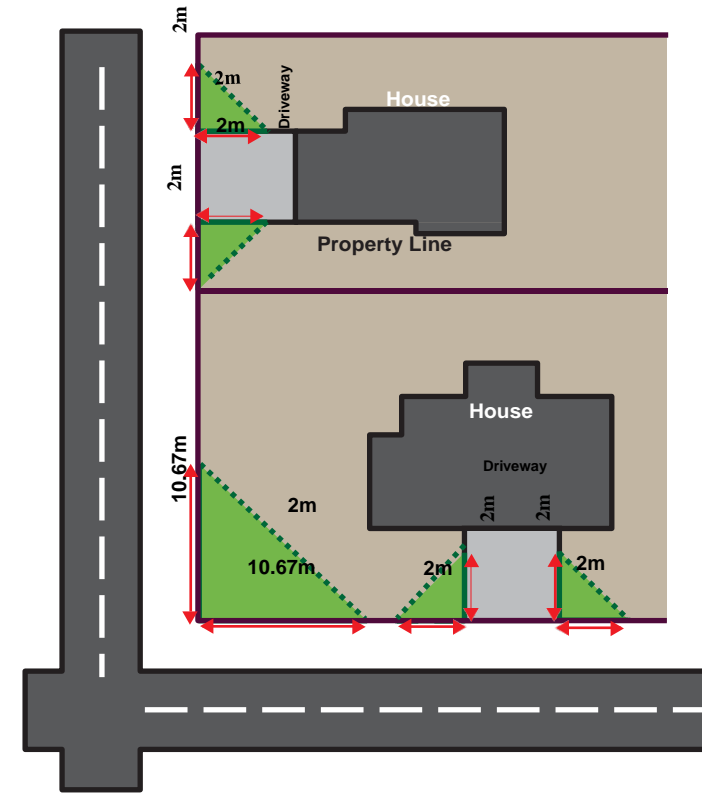
To determine the visibility triangle for a corner lot, measure the land 10.67 metres (35 feet) along the property line in each direction where two streets meet. At each 10.67-metre point, a third line connecting both points would establish the visibility triangle.

Driveway

To determine the visibility triangle for a driveway, measure the land two metres (six feet six inches) up the driveway and along the property line. At each two-metre point, a third line connecting both points would establish the visibility triangle.

The visibility triangle

- Property Line
- Visibility Triangle



Fence Variances

Fence variances may be requested by completing an application and submitting supporting documents to the Planning Services Department. For more information, please contact Planning Services at 905-845-6601.

Replacement Fences

The replacement of any section of a fence must be constructed using similar materials and in a manner that maintains a uniform and pleasant appearance.