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Fences



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Do I Need a Permit to Build a Fence on My Property?

The GMRSC issues building/
development permits for fences in
the Greater Miramichi Region including the City of Miramichi, Villages of Blackville and Doaktown, Rural
Community of Upper Miramichi, and
unincorporated areas. However,
requirements vary by municipality
and unincorporated areas; please
contact Planning Services directly to
see what specific regulations apply
to your fence project. The following
is a list of fence examples that
require a building/development
permit, but not limited to:

- Residential fences (e.g. for privacy, property delineation, pets);
 and
- Commercial, industrial, and institutional security fences (e.g. chainlinked, steel bars, wood panels).

Did You Know?

Permits are required for all buildings and structures, such as:

- Accessory buildings
- Decks, ramps, and stairs;
- Fences;
- Swimming pool enclosures;
- Signs;
- Electrical work (e.g. changing out an electrical panel);
- Residential buildings (e.g. houses, cottages, camps, and mini-homes); and
- Commercial, industrial, and institutional buildings.

Terms

Please note that terms used in these info booklets are not legal definitions. Please contact us directly if you need assistance understanding jargon.

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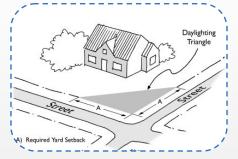
In the City of Miramichi, for example, Section 3.1.14 deals with fences and regulates the height and materials of fences: there is no locational requirement in the City as a fence may be located in the minimum required yards. (Although a fence can be built abutting your property line in the City, Planning Services recommends being at least 0.5 metres away from any lot line for regular maintenance.) For example, a fence in a residential zone cannot exceed 2.0 metres (6 feet, 7 inches) in height in the rear and side yards, and cannot exceed 1.0 metre (3 feet, 3 inches) in the front yard. Further, a fence in a residential zone cannot incorporate dangerous construction materials, such as but not limited to barb or razor wire, or be electrified.

In the unincorporated areas, for example, there are no height or construction restrictions for fences. However, being a structure regulated by the *Community Planning Act*, a fence must be either 1, 1.5, or 3 metres from the nearest lot line as determined by site services (see Section 12 of the provincial *Building*

Regulation 81-26).

Daylighting Triangle

In the City of Miramichi, Section 3.1.16 of the Zoning By-law regulates development inside a daylighting triangle. A diagram of a



daylighting triangle is shown below. This is represented as the shaded area in the diagram as defined by two intersecting street lines. The distance A for the City of Miramichi zoning by–law is 4.6 metres (15 feet). According to Section 3.1.16 of the Zoning By–law, a fence cannot exceed 0.6 metres (2 feet) in height within the daylighting triangle.

The purpose of this regulation is to ensure that motorists' views are unobstructed when making turns. The regulation is therefore in place to increase traffic safety in the City.

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How are Fences Regulated in my Area?

Where your property is located will determine what regulations apply to your fence project.:

- Is your property located in a municipality where a Rural Plan (e.g. Villages of Blackville and Doaktown) or a Zoning By-law (e.g. City of Miramichi) is in effect?
- 2) If a Rural Plan or Zoning By-law is in place, what is the zoning of your property?

If you're unsure whether or not a Rural Plan or Zoning By–law is in effect in your area, please contact us.



E.g. Residential Wooden Fence



E.g. Residential Steel Fence

Typical Regulations for Fences

Fences are regulated in terms of:

- 1) Location on your property;
- 2) Height; and
- 3) Construction Materials.

However, as above, depending on where your property is located, all or some of the above criteria may apply.



E.g. Industrial Security Fence