

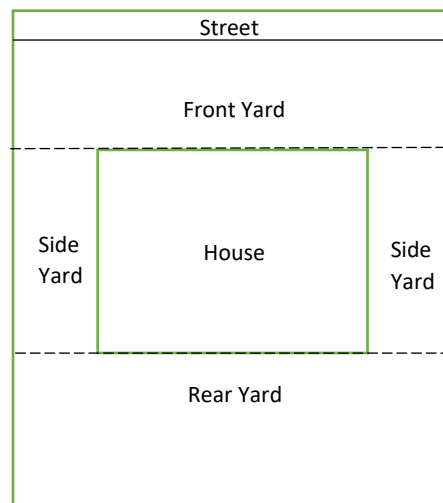
Residential Fences

Information Sheet



Wadena's Bylaw No. 05-14 regulates the construction of fences. A permit is not required; however, fence construction and placement must be compliant with the Town of Wadena's bylaws.

Fence heights are limited to 2.0 m (6.6 ft) in side and rear yards. Fences are not permitted in front yards. A front yard is the area of the lot extending the full width of the lot between the front lot line and the nearest building wall on the lot (see diagram below).



Frequently Asked Questions

What type of fence is permitted?

The choice of design, construction and materials is up to the individual; however, fences must be maintained in a safe and reasonable state of repair. Barbed wire fences are not permitted.

Do I need to talk to my neighbour about building a fence?

Cooperation between neighbours often results in cost-shared projects. If both property owners agree to construct a fence, the fence may be placed on the shared property line. If adjacent property owners are not in agreement, the fence must be placed 1.5 m (0.59 in) inside the property line.

The Town of Wadena has no jurisdiction in disputes arising over fence construction, cost or maintenance as these matters fall within provincial jurisdiction and can be resolved through civil litigation.

Community & Economic Development

102 Main Street North • Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
(306) 338-2145 • wadenapermits@sasktel.net • townofwadena.com
2017/06/05

Residential Fences

Information Sheet



Who do I need to notify?

To avoid serious injury or disruption of utility services, contact the Sask 1st Call at least 48 hours prior to digging, so that all utility lines can be located. Call 1-866-828-4888.

Is the property line located adjacent to the sidewalk?

In most cases, the property line is not located adjacent to the sidewalk. Often a municipal boulevard exists between the sidewalk and the property line. The width of this boulevard may vary from one street to the next.

How are property lines determined?

Property pins are located on the corners of your property and were installed by a Saskatchewan Land Surveyor at the time your lot was subdivided.

The Town of Wadena offers a Pin Locate service for \$50. The Town will locate and mark any existing property pins. This is not a legal survey and the Town of Wadena does not guarantee the accuracy of the results.

For accuracy, a Surveyor's Certificate or a Real Property Report prepared by a Saskatchewan Land Surveyor can be used to accurately locate property lines. If this is not possible, property lines may be determined by hiring a Saskatchewan Land Surveyor.

It is the responsibility of the property owner to ensure the accurate location of fencing relative to their property lines. It is important to not move or dislodge property pins when constructing your fence.

How is the height of a fence measured?

The height of a fence is the distance from the ground level immediately adjacent to the fence to the highest point of the fence.

Can noise or an unattractive view be blocked?

When side or rear property lines abut a highway or railway, a 2.5 m (8.2 ft) fence is permitted.

Do I need a fence around my swimming pool?

Yes. To ensure that swimming pools are not readily accessible to small children, all outdoor under ground and above ground swimming pools of more than 1.0 m (3.3 ft) in height must be completely surrounded by a fence or wall that is at least 1.8 m in height with a locked gate.

This information sheet has no legal status and should not be used as an official interpretation of the current codes and regulations in effect. Users are advised to contact the Town Office, as the Town of Wadena accepts no responsibility to persons relying solely on this information.

Community & Economic Development

102 Main Street North • Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
(306) 338-2145 • wadenapermits@sasktel.net • townofwadena.com
2017/06/05