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**TOWNSHIP OF WORCESTER**  
AT THE CENTER POINT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY  
**PENNSYLVANIA**

*Some good information about*  
**Installing a New Fence**

Worcester Township requires a permit to install a fence at your property... even if the new fence is replacing an old fence. Township Code addresses the style, height and location of fences in all residential zoning districts. So before you purchase and install a new fence, be sure to check out the following helpful information...

**REQUIREMENTS TO INSTALL A FENCE IN A REAR YARD OR A SIDE YARD**

- A fence of any style, up to four feet in height, may be installed up to the property line. But if a fence is proposed to be located less than three feet of a property line, the fence permit will be conditioned upon your confirming the property line location with your neighbor. You don't need a survey to install a fence, but you are responsible to know where the property line is located... so confirming this with your neighbor makes sense!
- An "open style" fence, greater than four feet in height and up to five feet in height, may be installed as close as three feet to a property line. Open style fences include post and rail fences, post and board fences, and metal openwork fences... basically anything so can see through (but not chain link fences). Again, we recommend you talk to your neighbor before digging that first post hole!
- A fence of any style, up to six feet in height, may be installed at or inside the minimum accessory structure setbacks for your zoning district. In the AGR, LPD, R-175 and R-AG-175 Zoning Districts, the minimum accessory structure setback is fifteen feet. In all other zoning districts the setback is ten feet. Call us if you don't know your zoning district.

**REQUIREMENTS TO INSTALL A FENCE IN A FRONT YARD**

- A fence of any style up to thirty inches in height, or a post and rail style fence, may be installed up to the property line or the Ultimate Right-of-Way line, whichever is more restrictive. The Ultimate Right-of-Way line varies by street, so please call us for this important information.

**AND MORE GOOD INFORMATION**

- Fences must be installed so that the "finished" side of the fence is facing the abutting property.
- The above is only a helpful summary about frequently-requested fence facts. Please review the Township Code for complete information before starting your project.
- In a homeowners' association? Call your HOA to ask if these folks have any requirements.
- If your existing fence doesn't meet current Township Code requirements, you can replace the fence with an identical fence in the same location. But the fence must have been installed under a Township permit or other approval, or the fence must predate Township Code. And photos of the existing fence must be submitted with your permit application.
- Be sure to schedule inspections in advance... at least 48 hours is always recommended.

*Questions? Call the Township Building at (610) 584-1410.  
We're open Monday to Friday, 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM.*