

## Always Make the Call!

If you are thinking of building a fence, it is your responsibility to call "Gopher State One Call" before you dig.

### Some important points to note:

- This is required by state law.
- There are no costs to make the call/request or to gain permission to dig.

To make your call/request to Gopher State One Call, please contact:

**800-252-1166**

Online

**<http://www.gopherstateonecall.org/ticketing>**

For more information on Gopher State One Call, please look online at:  
**<http://www.gopherstateonecall.org/>**

## Additional Information

For more information please contact:

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**704 Broadway**  
**Alexandria, MN 56308**

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<https://alexandriamn.city>

City of Alexandria

# FENCES



## Fence Height Requirements

In the City of Alexandria, residential fences have the following height limits:

- Front Yard\*\* Height  $\leq$  4ft (from lot line to house)
- Back Yard Height  $\leq$  6ft (4ft if next to street or sidewalk)
- Side Yard Height  $\leq$  6ft (4ft if next to street or sidewalk)

Commercial fences have the following height limits:

- Front Yard\* Height  $\leq$  8ft
- Back Yard Height  $\leq$  8ft
- Side Yard Height  $\leq$  8ft

**\*\*The front yard is defined as the most narrow part of the lot that is facing a public street.**

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Do I need a permit to build a fence?

Boundary or partition fences do require a permit. Decorative or privacy fences enclosing up to 25% of any yard do not.

### Are there any setback requirements?

A maintenance-free boundary or partition fence may be placed at your property line. Other boundary or partition fences must be at least two (2) feet from the line.

### Is there a good/bad side to a fence?

Posts and supports must face inward from the fence.

### What are suitable fence materials?

Some good examples of materials are: wood lattice, metal, fiber, plastic, or anything maintenance free.

### What else should I do before building a fence?

Check for private covenants for more regulations and make sure you call "Gopher State One Call" before digging. (See back page)

## How to Measure Fence Height

In the City of Alexandria, fences are measured from the grade of the lot to the top of the fence.

Some things to take note of:

- The height limits do not apply for the posts holding up the fence.
- The grade of the lot at the fence line can not be altered in any way as to artificially increase the maximum permitted height of the fence.

**Using this fence as an example, we would measure from the grade of the lot to the highest board or panel to determine height.**