

## How-To Build a Fence on a Single Family Lot

The City of Lincoln would like to address fence standards that are in place for single family homes within city limits. Yard fences shall not extend over any portion of the lot beyond the utility easement at the rear of the lot or beyond the front of the house. For corner lots, a fence cannot be located within the sight triangle of the adjacent streets. For single-family homes, all fences 6 feet or less in height do not have enforceable regulations. Fence regulations apply to fences over 6 feet in height.

### What is a sight triangle?

A sight triangle is described as the triangular area formed by street property lines and a line connecting the property lines 25 feet from the intersection of the street lines. The purpose of a sight triangle is to ensure that drivers can see cars approaching from the perpendicular street.

**Important note:** For corner lots, no obstruction (fence, terrace, wall, structure, shrubbery, planting, etc.) to vision with a height greater than 3 feet can be located in the sight triangle.

A few quick tips to keep in mind before you build:

- Fences shall not extend over the utility easement in the rear lot
- Shall not extend beyond the front of the house
- Be mindful of your neighbor
- Fence shall be non-hazardous materials
- Be mindful for its proximity to adjacent sidewalks
- Keep the corner sight triangle clear of obstructions
- Double check your subdivision covenants to ensure a fence can be built

Page through the newsletter to view the *How To Build a Fence on a Single Family Lot* handout which shows the illustrated process and further information on the specific city ordinances that pertain to fencing.



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