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WOOD FENCING

REQUIREMENTS

(MAXIMUM OF 6 FEET IN HEIGHT)

The maximum spacing of 4" x 4" posts for wood fencing (solid, basketweave, picket, shadowbox, lattice top, grape stake, etc.) shall be:

HEIGHT OF FENCE	MAXIMUM POST SPACING
4 Ft. or Less	**8 Ft. on center**
More than 4 Ft	**6 Ft. on center**

- Posts shall be heart redwood, heart cedar, or pressure treated wood of equal strength. Pressure treated wood shall be treated for GROUND CONTACT and shall be identified by the quality mark of an inspection agency which has been accredited by an accreditation body which complies with the requirements of the American Lumber Standard Committee Treated Wood Program, or equivalent. (Fence Industry 2 $^{1}/_{2}$ inch O.D. (2 $^{3}/_{8}$ Decimal O.D. Equivalent) SS-40 steel pipe, manufactured by Allied Tube & Conduit, or equal, may be substituted on a one-to-one basis for the wood posts. Galvanized schedule 40 steel pipe, rigid electrical conduit, EMT, and light gauge/standard chain link fence posts are not equivalent and cannot be substituted for the wood posts.)
- Posts shall be encased in a concrete footing that is a minimum of twelve (12) inches in diameter and two (2) feet in depth. Posts shall have a minimum embedment of 18 inches into the concrete.
- Fasteners shall be either hot-dipped zinc coated galvanized steel or stainless steel, or equivalent.
- When gates are installed, they shall be a minimum of 36 inches wide.
- Ask about special requirements for fence heights in front yard and all yards on corner lots.
- A survey may be required to establish property lines.
- A FENCE AGREEMENT may be required if the fence is to be constructed on a common property line.
- A building permit is not required for fences that are less than 42 inches in height.
- Fences shall not retain earth or any other material.
- The 1st inspection is required after digging the post holes (footings), but before the posts are set and the concrete is poured.

NOTE: If the fence is being used as, or part of, the required barrier for a swimming pool, the minimum height of the fence shall be 5 ft. and the smooth, non-climbable surface must be on the side away from the swimming pool. A swimming pool is defined as any body of water or any structure that contains water over 18 inches in depth. (See the Swimming Pool Barrier handout for more detailed information.)