

Frequently Asked Questions

Who do I need to notify?

To avoid serious injury or disruption of utility services, you should contact the following utility agencies at least 48 hours prior to digging so that all utility lines can be properly located and marked. There is no fee for this service.

Sask Power 1.888.757.6937

SaskEnergy 1.800.567.8899

SaskTel 1.800.727.5835

City of Melville City Hall 306.728.6840

How are property lines determined?

A Surveyor's Certificate or a Real Property Report prepared by a Saskatchewan Land Surveyor can be used to accurately locate property lines. It is the responsibility of the property owner to ensure the accurate location of fencing relative to property lines.

Is the front property line located adjacent to the sidewalks?

In most cases, the front property line is not located adjacent to the sidewalk. Often, a City boulevard exists between the sidewalk and the property line. The width of this boulevard may vary from one street to the next and can be verified by contacting the City of Melville City Hall at 306.728.6840

Does the front of the house always face the front property line?

Not necessarily. The narrowest width of the lot is generally considered the front of the property. If you are unsure as to the location of your front yard, contact the City of Melville Building Standards Department.

What type of fence is permitted?

The choice of design, construction, and materials are up to the individual. However, fences must be maintained in a safe and reasonable state of repair.

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.

If a neighbour is building a fence between two properties, is the other party obligated to pay half of the cost of building the fence?

Co-operation between neighbours often results in cost-shared projects. The City of Melville has no jurisdiction in disputes arising over fence construction or maintenance, as these matters fall within provincial jurisdiction and can be resolved through civil litigation.

Can noise or an unattractive view be blocked?

When side or rear property lines are adjacent to a freeway, expressway, highway, railway right-of-way, or an associated buffer strip, a 2.5m high wall fence is permitted.

What about a fence around a swimming pool?

The regulations of fences around swimming pools are not addressed in this pamphlet. Contact the City of Melville Building Standards Department prior to construction.



Building a Fence?

The City of Melville's Zoning Bylaw 04/2013 sets out the regulations governing the height and location of fences built on residential properties. Fences built within these regulations do not require a Building Permit. If in doubt about the compliance of a proposed fence, contact the Building Standards Department at the City of Melville.

- In Residential Districts, no fence, wall, hedge, or other closed landscaping shall be to a height of more than 1 m above grade level in any required front yard or more than 2 m above grade level in any required side or rear yard.
- In Commercial and Industrial Districts, no fence, wall, hedge, or other closed landscaping shall be to a height of more than 2 meters above grade level in any required front yard or more than 2 meters above grade level in any required side or rear yard.
- In the case of corner lots, fences measured along the property line shall not a height of 1m for a distance of 5m back both ways from the corner of the lot.
- Fences and vegetation (i.e.: hedges, shrubs) less than 1m in height will not be permitted if they obstruct the view of vehicle traffic.

BUILDING STANDARDS DEPARTMENT

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Residential Fences

Zoning Regulations for the
Placement of Fences in
Residential Districts

*(this brochure does not include
fence requirements for private
swimming pools and spas)*

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IN A SAFE AND REASONABLE
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