BUILDING A FENCE OR PRIVACY SCREENING

BEFORE YOU START

Two things to consider when building a fence or privacy screening are height and location. Both are regulated by Zoning Bylaw 12800.

When a fence or privacy screen is built above heights listed in the Zoning Bylaw, a permit will be required. If the height and location requirements are followed, you do not require a development permit.

If a permit is required, complete the Residential Development & Building Application form found at edmonton.ca/buildingafence

When you submit your application, you must provide:
- One copy of a site plan (often a real property report) showing existing buildings, property lines and dimensions. Clearly indicate the proposed location, height and materials used to build the fence or privacy screen.
- Your property’s municipal address and legal description (plan number, block and lot as shown on your tax notice).
- All application fees (fees available online at edmonton.ca/buildingafence)

Note: This is a general guide. Additional information may be required.

FENCES

Fences are used to landscape, mark boundaries, block noise or provide screening. Examples of fences include:

- Wood
- Metal & Masonry

CLICK BEFORE YOU DIG

For your safety, locate buried utilities on your property before digging.
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GARBAGE STANDS AS PART OF YOUR FENCE

If building a garbage stand, the stand should be no more than five feet high. The floor of the stand should be approximately 12 inches high.

Garbage cans should be accessible from the front of the stand, not the top.
- It should be large enough to accommodate garbage cans, summer yard waste, and your blue bag recyclables.
- Garbage stands without doors are preferable. If used, door should be hinged on the side, not the top. Latches should be operable while wearing mittens or gloves.

For more information about garbage stands, visit:
edmonton.ca/wasteguidelines

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FENCE OR PRIVACY SCREENING CONSTRUCTED ON THE GROUND – HEIGHT REGULATIONS

The height of a fence, wall, gate or privacy screening (excluding vegetative screening) built on ground level should not exceed:

- 1.85 m (6.1 ft) in any portion of the rear and/or interior side yard
- 1.2 m (4 ft) in any portion of the front yard and flanking side yard (longer property line adjacent to the roadway)

The height of privacy screening (excluding vegetative screening) built on a platform structure should not exceed:

- 1.2 m (4 ft) in any portion of the front yard, required side setback or within 2.5m of a rear lot line.
- 1.85 m (6.1 ft) in all other yards
- 1.5 m (4.9 ft) when built on a rooftop terrace

The height of a fence, wall or gate is determined using the height of the material being used in construction (not including posts or other supporting anchors).

Height of a fence, wall or gate is determined by measuring from the general ground level 0.5 metres back of the property line of the site on which it is to be constructed.

Height for privacy screening is determined by measuring from the general ground level 0.5 m back from where the privacy screening will be constructed or from the surface of the platform structure or rooftop terrace it is constructed upon.

PRIVACY SCREENING

Privacy Screening can be used to ensure privacy between you and your neighbours. These can be built on the ground, on a rooftop terrace or on a platform structure, such as a balcony or a deck.

VEGETATION (SHRUBS OR TREE)

WALLS (WOOD OR MASONRY)

TRANSLUCENT GLASS

FIND YOUR ZONE

1. Go to maps.edmonton.ca
2. Click on “Zoning”
3. Enter your address in the appropriate fields and click "Find Address". Your lot will be shown on the map in red, and your zone will be highlighted in the information bar at the bottom of the page.
4. Click on your highlighted zone. This will take you to the section of the Zoning Bylaw applicable to your property.

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