

## Fences, Shrubs, Trees and Site Triangles

This information brochure is designed to help you to determine where to locate a fence on your property.

The Summerside Zoning Bylaw SS-15 contains the rules and regulations for the height of a fence and how to locate it on your property.

If your **fence, shrub, or sign** is going to be installed on a lot where two streets meet, you have to follow the rules for fencing and landscaping for a “sight triangle”

A “*site triangle*” is the space on a corner needed to provide a line of sight for drivers to be able to see oncoming traffic and for utility use

It is defined as: “.... the triangular shaped land which is that part of, and within a Corner Lot....”

## Plan Requirements (All Fences)

site plan drawn to scale showing:

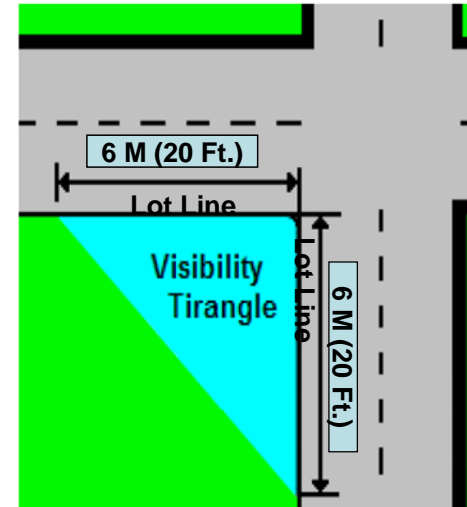
- lot dimensions
- location of existing buildings
- location, height and length of each side of the proposed fence
- location of property lines

A fence requires a permit however there is **no charge** for the permit.

You will need a plan indicating the exact location of your house, fence, and lot lines for your property.

**You are responsible for determining the exact location of your property lines.**

## Measuring on a Site Triangle



Type of Object	Maximum Height/Restriction
Fence	.75m (2.5 ft.)
Hedge/Shrub	.75m (2.5 ft.)
Tree	Bottom 2m (6.5 ft.) cleared of branches
Sign	.75m (2.5ft.)
Fence/Planting less than .75m (2.5ft.) in height	.6m (2ft.) from front and side lot lines
Right of Ways (R.O.W.)	None of the Above

## General Fencing Regulations

If your fence is not on a site triangle the following applies:

**Section 11.2 a)** in residential zones, no fence or any shrub shall exceed 0.75 m (2.5 ft.) in height along a front lot line, or along a side lot line within the minimum required front yard. A tree may be planted subject to the restrictions in Section 11.2 e). No other fence in a residential zone shall exceed 2 m (6 ft.) in height

**Section 11.2 b)** No fence or hedge shall be located within a street Right of Way

**Section 11.2 c)** Barbed wire fencing is prohibited, except for agricultural and industrial uses

**Section 11.2 d)** a 0.6 m (2 ft.) buffer zone between a fence, sign or planting and a road curb or sidewalk must be maintained free and clear to facilitate snow removal

**Section 11.2 e)** All existing and future trees planted in a site triangle are to be maintained so that there are no branches up to 2m (6ft.) measured from road grade

**Section 11.2 f)** any fence or shrub or planting less than .75m (2.5ft.) in height shall be in conformance with Section 11.2 d).

**Section 11.2 g)** any sign in the site triangle must not exceed .75m (2.5ft.) in height. A sign less than .75m (2.5 ft.) must be in conformance with Section 11.2 d).

**You are responsible for determining the exact location of your property lines**

**A fence requires a permit however there is no charge for the permit.**

### Contacts

General Inquiries.....432-1262  
Building Officer.....432-1261  
City Planner.....432-1260  
Director.....432-1258  
Via Fax.....436-3191

## Information Bulletin

**TSB-10-01**



## Zoning Bylaw SS-15 Fences, Shrubs and Trees and Site Triangle Regulations

**Technical Services  
Department**