

FOLLOW THESE 7 STEPS...

1 Find out if your proposed fence will meet the placement and height requirements. Also check to see if there are any covenants in your subdivision regulating fences.

Placement

- A fence may be erected up to the property line on side and rear yards. Solid-type fences shall meet the front yard setback from all street property lines (typically the front edge of the house or garage) and the water line setback of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. Open-type fences must be setback at least six (6") inches from the property line in the front yard.
- Harrison requires that all fences be placed outside any drainage easements and outside of utility easements unless permission is granted by WE Energies. Contact Harrison staff to find out if/where any easements are located or to get a copy of the drainage plan for your lot.

Requests to locate in a utility easement can be sent to WE Energies (contact info on back of brochure).

Height

- Fences shall be no more than six (6') feet tall for residential purposes.
- Street intersection corners may have fences or hedges that are no more than three (3') feet tall. The distance requirements vary depending on the classification of street, please contact the Harrison Planner to determine the vision clearance triangle. This lets pedestrians and vehicles have a clear view of traffic.
- In-ground pools and above-ground pools less than forty-two (42") inches in height must be enclosed by a fence that is at least four (4') feet high, or have a pool cover. A pool fence must also have a gate with a latch.
- Pools approved without a four (4') foot high fence should have controlled access to the pool. A removable ladder or pool cover or pool dome is an easy way to meet this requirement.

Materials

- Barbed wire fences are prohibited.
- Fences located in the front yard must be constructed of wood, brick, vinyl, or stone.
- The finish side of the fence shall be erected to face the adjacent property. The side with protruding studs or post must face the interior of the lot on which it is being constructed.

2 Locate your property lines. There may be metal stakes at each corner of your lot. Talk with your neighbors or use a metal detector. If you cannot locate your property lines yourself, you may need to hire a surveyor to stake your property.

3 Call Digger's Hotline at 811 for safety concerns to avoid underground utilities and to inquire about placing a fence within the utility easement. You may need to change the fence placement based on this information.

4 Obtain a permit application. You need a Zoning Permit to erect a fence. You can pick up a permit application at the Harrison Hall (corner of Hwy 114 & State Park Road) or download one from the Harrison website.

5 Turn in your completed application, site plan, and fee to the Planner at the Harrison Hall. The site plan should be provided on a separate 8-1/2" x 11" drawing. The site plan should include the location of the fence, its dimensions and its distance from all the property lines.

6 Staff will review your application.

If approved, staff will issue the Zoning Permit, which may include conditions of approval.

7 Start the work that the permit was issued for. Be sure to display the permit where it can be seen from the street for the duration of construction. Install the fencing according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Still have questions?

Contact the Harrison Planner using one of the methods on the back of this brochure.

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