

Benner Township

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FENCE INSTALLATION / PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

At the present time, the current Zoning Ordinance for Benner Township does NOT require a Zoning Permit to construct a fence or the installation of privacy panels on your property. However, the Uniform Construction Code does have requirements for PERMITTING AND APPROVAL of building and/or construction of FENCES over 6 ft. in height. Building Permits are obtained from the Benner Township Code Official by contacting Harry Burd at 364-1133

GUIDELINES FOR FENCE INSTALLATION

Although, Benner Township does not require a Zoning Permit, some requirements must be followed when installing a fence.

1. Prior to digging, always execute a PA ONE-CALL. This call will locate any public utility, which may be running through your property. The address and phone number is:

PENNSYLVANIA ONE CALL SYSTEM, INC.

925 Irwin Run Road

West Mifflin, Pennsylvania 15122

Call: 811 or 1-800-242-1776

2. Fences are normally located along property lines. NO FENCE can be erected within public rights-of-way or easements. The Township can advise you of the approximate location of street right-of-way lines.
3. Research your deed for any possible private easement(s) or agreement(s) that may prohibit construction within a certain area of your lot. In addition, if you are a member of a neighborhood association, restrictive covenants and/or homeowners association documents may prescribe certain design criteria for fence installation or even approval.
4. Locate the corners of your property. These will aid in the layout of the fence installation. If you cannot locate your property corners, it is advisable that you have a professional land surveyor locate or set these corners in order to ensure that you do not encroach onto the right-of-way, an easement, or adjacent private property.
5. Provide adequate distance from property line for maintenance of your fence.
6. Follow requirements of Benner Township Zoning Ordinance, **Section 305 Fences and Walls**.

305.1 No fence shall be erected to a height of more than:

- A. three (3) feet in a front yard setback area;
- C. eight (8) feet in any side or rear yard.

305.3 No fence or wall shall interfere with required clear sight triangles at street intersections. Contact Township office to verify fence location in these areas.

305.5 The use of barbed wire and electric fences are expressly prohibited except in the case of agricultural fences used for agricultural purposes.

305.6 Fences and walls shall be constructed of durable materials suited for its purpose and the use of discarded materials, vehicles, and appliances is prohibited. No wall or fence shall be constructed of corrugated material, corrugated fiberglass or sheet metal.