

Upper Makefield Township

Department of Planning & Zoning

Fences

General Information

Placement

Fences should not be placed directly on the property line. The Township recommends placing fences inside the property lines. No fencing is allowed in drainage easements, swales or road rights-of-way.

Types of Fences

Please contact the Department of Planning & Zoning with regard to fence styles and height limitations. If your fence is post and rail, you may install wire mesh.

Height Restrictions

- Front yard fences and fences along street frontage may be not more than 4 feet high.
- Rear and Side fences may be built to a maximum of 7 feet high.
- On a reverse frontage lot, any backyard fence over 6 feet high must be landscaped on the side toward the street.

Required Forms and Submissions

- Zoning Use and Occupancy Permit Application** (Impervious Calculations are not required.)
- Plot Plan.** Please submit two sets of plot plans, showing the location of the fence in relation to the property line.
- Insurance.** Upper Makefield Township must be listed as “Certificate Holder” on a current Certificate of Insurance for all contractors, electricians and/or plumbers.

If the property owner is doing the work, please provide a copy of the homeowner’s liability insurance. Please sign page three of the zoning application for homeowner exemption and have it notarized.

- PA Contractor Registration Certificate.** Please submit a copy of the contractor’s PA Contractor Registration Certificate.

All Township forms can be found at the following link:

<https://uppermakefield.org/departments/planning-and-zoning/permits-applications/>

Applications and supporting documents can be submitted via email to CodeOffice@uppermakefield.org