

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.

Properties with Pools

- **Fencing** must completely surround the pool. The fence must be a minimum of 48 inches high, with vertical openings less than 4 inches and horizontal ground opening less than 2 inches. Fence gate must have self-closing, self-latching and key lockable devices with the latching device installed between 48 and 54 inches from the finished surface. Please contact the Department of Planning & Zoning for complete details on fence.
- **Structure Wall as barrier to enclose pool.** A wall of the dwelling can serve as part of the access barrier to the pool where doors providing direct access to the pool with the following requirements per ISPSC 305.4 and Township Ordinance. Doors with direct access to the pool area shall have a water hazard entrance alarm, UL 2017 compliant, that produces an audible warning when opened.

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. An exemption form will need to be signed and notarized if the

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homeowner is doing the work or if the contractor is exempt from needing Worker's Compensation.

- 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