

TOWN OF MERTON
BUILDING PERMIT INFORMATION
FENCE PERMIT

1. A permit is required to erect, construct, alter or enlarge a fence.
2. If you have an Architectural Control Committee, plans should be approved and signed by the committee.
3. A copy of your plans, a sketch or a picture of the proposed fence must be provided with your permit application. Fences shall be constructed so the decorative side is facing the neighboring property and/or street and the supportive side is facing the inside of the property on which the fence is constructed. The height and the material of the fence must be indicated on the plans and/or survey.
4. Fence Types
 - A. Decorative Fences
 - a) Must be at least 50 percent open – such as a picket fence or split-rail fence.
 - b) Cannot exceed a height of 48 inches from ground level.
 - c) Can be made of material other than poured concrete.
 - d) Are permitted in shore yards (lake side) of lake lots and shall comply with the Waukesha County Zoning Ordinance
 - B. Privacy Fences
 - a) Not over six feet high shall be allowed.
 - b) Fence is allowed in the rear yard or side yard and not in the front yard.
 - c) Is not allowed on the lake side of lake lots.
 - C. Security Fences
 - a) Not allowed in Residential Districts
 - b) Shall not exceed eight feet in height.
 - c) Shall be open-type construction.
 - d) Are permitted in agricultural districts for agricultural uses with Building Inspector approval.
 - D. Chain Link Fences
 - a) Shall not exceed four feet in height.
 - b) Can only be located in side and rear yards.
 - c) Chain link fences shall not exceed three feet in height in shore yards and shall comply with the Waukesha County Zoning Ordinance.
5. Fences in front yards are prohibited except for decorative fences.
6. A survey of your lot showing the location of the proposed fence must be submitted with your permit application. The survey should also show the location of the septic and well and all other structures located on the property. Fences must be located at least three feet from the side and rear lot lines and the measurements must be clearly defined and indicated on the survey.
7. Per Waukesha County Parks & Land Use, fences are not allowed within the required 75' shore setback of lakes, rivers, or navigable streams.
8. Submit a completed General Building Permit Application with the documents listed in numbers 3 and 4. The Town does not accept permits by email or online. Building Permit Submittals can be made in person at the Town Hall at W314N7624 Hwy 83 or by mail to: Town of Merton, PO Box 128, North Lake, WI 53064.
9. Generally, a Residential Fence permit fee is \$75.00.
10. Please call (262) 966-2469 for inspections. A Building Permit is good for 18 months.

If you have any questions, call the Town Hall at (262) 966-2469. Thank you!