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FENCES
Construction Guidelines
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Constructing a fence is the type of work that a homeowner wants to do once, and do it right. Before construction begins, there are a few steps to take to ensure a successful project:

1. Locate where your property lines are. The fence must stay on your property, and you may want to allow some space to the line for maintenance purposes. If you are unsure where your lines are at, you may have your lot surveyed.
2. Check for setback requirements. If you live on a corner lot or if you would like to put a fence up in your front yard, there are some distances that should be maintained from your property line. Review the diagram below for details. Fences should not be constructed so as to materially impede vision across any street intersection, alley, or driveway entrance.
3. Get your utilities located before digging. Contact Gopher State at 1-800-252-1166. Your utilities should be located within a couple of days.

If you should have any questions or if you have questions that aren't answered with this information, feel free to call the Inspection Office at 377-4340.

