



BENTON COUNTY FENCE GUIDELINES

DEFINITION (BCC 11.03.010):

"Fence" means a substantial material serving as an enclosure, barrier, or boundary consisting of wood, metal, masonry wall, solid board fence, screen chain link or other substantial material.

FENCING STANDARDS (BCC 11.42.070):

- (a) Fences that are 7 feet or less in height are exempt from a building permit. Fences that are greater than 7 feet in height shall not be erected without first obtaining a building permit from the Benton County Building Department.
- (b) Fences, regardless of height, to be located in a Flood Hazard Area, will require a Flood Development Permit and compliance with BCC 3.26, as existing and hereafter amended.
- (c) Fences, regardless of height, shall comply with the following construction standards: Fences shall not be constructed out of tires, pallets, tarps and/or sheet plastic, bed springs, multicolored materials, except colored materials manufactured specifically for fencing (i.e., slats of chain link fences), corrugated sheet metal, wheel rims and similar or like materials not traditionally manufactured or used for fencing purposes.

DO's and DON'Ts of placing your fence:

DO review the Building Department's Fence Guidelines packet.

DO know where your parcel lines are.

DON'T place your fence on someone else's property.

DO know where the Road right-of-way and/or easements are.

DO call the Benton County Engineering office if you have questions about road right-of-way.

DON'T put your fence in the right-of-way, inside easements or any other restricted location.

DON'T block sight lines for roads, driveways, etc. and DO ensure that drivers can see cross-traffic and street signs.

DO know where your septic tank and drainfield(s) are.

DO contact the Benton Franklin Health District with well & septic questions.

DO contact the Planning Department if you have questions about where to place the fence.

DON'T build your fence out of non-traditional materials without first confirming with the Building and Planning Departments that they will be allowed.