



## Town of Winthrop

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# WINTHROP FENCING REGULATIONS

**Fences are permitted by right and do not require a permit in the Town of Winthrop.**

**A fence can be located to a property line, with no setback required.** However, on the roadside, a fence must be placed out of the Town's, the State's, or a private road right-of-way. Make sure you know where your property lines are located. We recommend that you locate the fence at least a couple of feet from any property line for maintenance reasons. Also, there are no Town requirements for the placing of the "pretty" side of the fence facing out, as that would be your decision.

In the Shoreland areas, as per Dan Pritchard of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), **fences may be located down to the normal high-water mark of a lake**, as they are exempt from the state's shoreland zoning laws.

We recommend that you keep your fence to a height of six (6) feet or less to avoid any possible civil action from any neighbors regarding "spite" fencing.