

TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE

FENCE & POOL ENCLOSURE BY-LAW

Information Pamphlet
By-law No. 2012-119



WHAT DOES THIS BY-LAW COVER?

This by-law governs:

- Maximum fence heights.
- Swimming pool and ornamental pond enclosures.
- Privacy screens.
- Fence materials and locations.
- Sightlines and safety on corner lots.
- Maintenance standards.
- Fencing rules for residential and non-residential zones.

Fence Height & Location Guide (Residential Properties)

Location	Maximum Height	Notes
Front Yard	1.2 Metres	Must not obstruct visibility (daylighting triangle)
Rear/Side Yard	2.0 Metres	Fencing must be in good condition and finished side facing neighbours
Privacy Screens	2.5 Metres	Max 6m in total length, only allowed in rear/side yards >0.6m from lot line.

**Higher fences may be permitted for tennis courts, safety nets near golf courses, or where abutting industrial uses.*

POOL & ORNAMENTAL POND ENCLOSURES

Required for all privately-owned outdoor pools or ponds deeper than 50cm. You must obtain a **Swimming Pool Enclosure Permit** before installation or excavation.

Minimum standards:

- Minimum 1.2m high fence.
- No climbable rails or attachments.
- Self-closing, self-latching gates (latch inside & near top).
- Located >1.2m from water's edge.

Temporary fencing is required during construction or excavation.

Hot tubs and spas are exempt if fitted with a strong, lockable cover at least 5cm thick.

Fence Materials (Acceptable Examples)

- Chain link (<40mm mesh, 11-gauge minimum).
- Board-on-board (vertical only).
- Wrought iron (<10cm between vertical bars).
- Structural posts must be set in 50mm concrete, 60cm deep.

Materials must not facilitate climbing from outside.

WHAT'S NOT ALLOWED?

- Fences in sight triangles or that block road/driveway visibility.
- Altering fences shared with Township land without approval.
- Erecting fences without maintaining a good state of repair.
- Privacy screens in front yards.
- Electrical fences (unless approved).

MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS

All fences, privacy screens, and pool enclosures must:

- Be structurally sound and securely anchored.
- Be free from rust, rot, broken parts, or peeling paint.
- Present a neat appearance to neighbouring properties.

COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT

- A Municipal Law Enforcement Officer enforces this by-law.
- Fences not compliant may be subject to orders for removal or repair.
- Offences may result in fines under the Provincial Offences Act.

EXCEPTIONS

- Existing fences built lawfully before 2012 may be exempt if in good repair.
- Some government-mandated acoustic or noise control fences are exempt.
- Higher fences or alternative materials may be allowed with Council approval (non-residential zones only).

BEFORE YOU BUILD

- Check with the Township's By-law Services before erecting or altering a fence or privacy screen.
- Pool enclosure permits are mandatory – apply before installation begins.
- Fences near public lands or roads must meet visibility and safety rules.

Contact & Resources

Township of Uxbridge
By-law services

Website:

www.uxbridge.ca/bylaws

Phone:

905-852-9181

Email:

bylaw@uxbridge.ca

Permit applications are available through Cloudpermit.

Stay safe. Stay compliant. Reach out before you build or dig!