

FENCE REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **Permit** – A permit is required for all new fences. A permit is required for fence repair if any new holes are being dug or if posts are being reset.
2. **Cost** – The cost of a fence permit is Forty Dollars (\$40).
3. **Utilities** – The free JULIE locator at 1-800-892-0123 must be contacted and all locating by all utilities must be complete before any digging can begin.
4. **Easements** – A fence can be located in easements **HOWEVER**, you should be aware that you may be responsible for part or all of repair and replacement costs if a utility must remove a fence to work in the easement.
5. **Location** – It is essential to locate your property boundaries and ensure the fence is located entirely on your property. The Village of Rantoul Inspection Department cannot locate property pins. In addition, we recommend that you place your fence back from your property line at least 6 inches.
6. **Height** - There are height and material limitations on fences. The maximum height of any fence is 8 ft. The maximum height allowed in front yards is 4 ft., with a 3 ft. maximum in some locations. Additionally, only materials with certain visibilities (chain link, split rail, etc.) are allowed in the front yard. Speak with an inspector to determine how the limitations apply to your property.
7. **Appearance** – *If fence boards are applied to only one side of the fence, the boards must face out away from your yard with the posts and stringers visible from inside the fence.*
8. Please contact the Village of Rantoul Inspection Department at (217) 892-6816 if you have any questions.