



**General Construction Standards and
Inspection Requirements
For New and Replacement Wooden Fences
Modified May 24, 2010**

Effective October 5, 2009, all new and replacement wood fences are subject to new construction requirements. The purpose of the new regulations is to establish requirements for sustainable residential development throughout the city, increase the value of our housing stock, and ensure that neighborhoods are attractive and of high quality.

1. All vertical posts shall be two and three eighths inch (2 3/8") minimum outside diameter standard pipe gauge, or two and one half inch (2 1/2") square by one eighth inch (1/8) wall gauge galvanized steel.
2. Metal posts must be capped with metal caps.
3. 3 horizontal wooden members shall be at least 2" X 4" and chemically pre-treated (preservative treated wood).
4. Wood screws or nails (corrosion resistant screw shank or ring shank) shall be used to attach vertical slats to the horizontal member.
5. Metal brackets shall be used to attach horizontal member to the metal post.
6. All fasteners and metal hardware shall be non-corrosive metal non-corrosive bolts or screws.
7. The side of the fence with the exposed posts or rails shall be oriented inward to the lot installing the fence.
8. For information regarding the height, fences located in front yards, corner lots and reverse corner lots, please refer to Residential Design Standards located at http://www.arlingtontx.gov/planning/Design_Standards.html; or, visit the Planner of the Day at the One Start Center on the 2nd floor of city hall at available at (817) 458-6502 or (817) 459-6503.

All fences must be inspected after construction.

It is the responsibility of the fence contractor (permit holder) to request the inspection. The inspection may be requested at www.ArlingtonPermits.com or by calling the 24/7 inspection request line at (817) 261-8817. Inspection requests received after 8:00 am each business day will be scheduled for the next business day.