



## Fence Requirements

### General Fence Requirements

County Building Permits are not required for fences 6 feet in height and under; however ***all fences need a Town Fence Permit***. Fences of any height in the flood plain/floodway may require a Floodplain Development Review. See standards for a Fencing in a Floodplain Zone. Fences over 6 feet will need a Town Fence Permit and a Chaffee County Building Permit.

### Fences and Easements

The Town does not prohibit installation of fences in utility easements, but the fence installer and/ or property owner assumes risk by doing so. Call 811 for utility locates prior to digging.

### Fences Near Sidewalks and Trails

Fences located next to a sidewalk or trail must be located 18” away from the edge.

### Standards for Fencing in a Flood Zone

Fences may be permitted in the flood plain/ floodway depending on the type of fence and its use. In some cases fencing is not permitted in a flood plain/ floodway. Regardless of whether a building permit is necessary, any proposed fence in the floodway may require an issuance of a floodplain development review from the Town of Buena Vista. The following table is provided for assistance with understanding and selecting appropriate fencing in a floodplain.

#### Notes:

1. Open pipe or rail fencing shall be 90% open and have posts placed no closer than 8 feet apart.
2. Other wire, pipe, or rail fencing that is not considered “open” shall include minimum spacing of not less than 6” x 6” square openings.
3. For more information or to inquire about a floodplain development review, please contact the Planning Department at 719-395-8643.

Fence Type	Uses of Fencing Allowed		
	Flood Plain Zone A, AO	Floodway AE	Shallow Flooding Zone X
Open barbed or barbless wire	Yes	Yes	Yes
Open pipe or rail fencing (i.e. corrals)	Yes	Yes, with limited cross fencing	Yes
Other wire, pipe, or rail fencing (i.e. field fence, welded wire)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Chain Link	Case by case review	No	Yes
Solid Wood Fencing	Case by case review	No	Yes, if elevated to or above the flood height or adequate openings provided
Collapsible or Breakaway Fencing	Case by case review		

