

A guide to Fencing



Introduction

This leaflet gives important information about fencing, including what types of fences you can erect and who is responsible for repairing and maintaining them.

Thrive Homes' responsibility

- If you have a rear garden bordering a public highway, we will provide a boundary fence. (The fence will be 1 metre or 1.8 metres high, depending on where your property is located.) You will be responsible for maintaining these fences.
- We will erect a 1.8 metre panel for the first 3 metres and then a post-and-wire fence to mark the boundary between rear gardens, if no other fence exists.

Your responsibility

- You must provide and maintain any fence in your front garden.
- You must repair any damage to your fences (front or rear) caused by you, your household, your visitors, inclement weather or your pets.
- You are responsible for providing enough secure fencing to prevent your pet causing a nuisance.
- You must pay the cost of Thrive Homes removing any fence that you are responsible for, if we think it is a danger to others.

Putting up your own fence

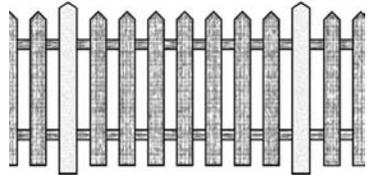
You can erect your own fence or replace the existing fence, as long as you get our written permission beforehand. We will not refuse permission unreasonably, but you will be responsible for maintaining and repairing the fence. There are several types of fencing that we will approve, which are shown in this leaflet.

Fencing we approve for front gardens

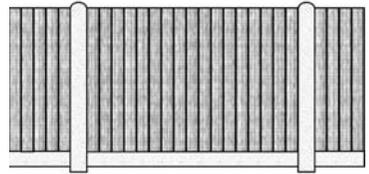
Front boundary fencing should be no higher than 3ft or 1m, and coloured brown, dark brown or green.

Here are some types of fencing we will approve:

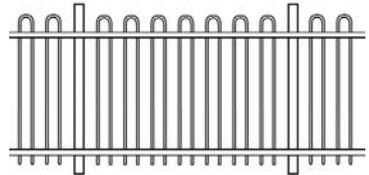
**Timber hit and miss
(concrete post preferred)**



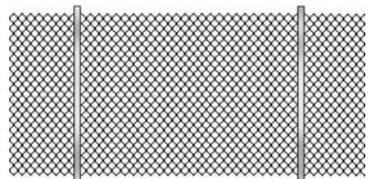
**Close boarded/
featheredge boarded
(concrete post preferred)**



Steel bow top fencing



**Chain-link / post-and-wire
fencing**



We may give permission for other types of fencing. Contact us for more information on 0800 917 6077.

Maintaining your fence

You are responsible for maintaining your fence, even if we erected it, as per your tenancy agreement (clause 18.2). You should weatherproof your fence regularly (every two or three years) to protect the wood and prolong its life.

Questions?

If you need to find out whether the fence belongs to you or your neighbour, our contact centre will check the property's deeds.

If you are unsure about what type of fence paint to use, or have any other questions about fencing, please contact us on 0800 917 6077.

Thrive Homes information is available in **large print**, on our website and spoken word translation. Please contact us free on 0800 917 6077 to discuss how we can help you. We want to ensure our services are fair, and accessible. If you know anyone who may need this type of help and support please tell us.

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