



## How To Plan Your Privacy Fence

It's finally time to add a privacy fence to your home. But where do you start? Follow these steps to plan your privacy fence and make the best choices for your home.

### Step 1 - Draw Up a Basic Sketch of Your Fence Line

One of the first things you'll need to do when planning your privacy fence is to draw up a basic sketch of your fence line. Be sure to include any gates or other openings in the fence and that they are large enough to accommodate your lawn and other necessary equipment. When determining where to locate your fence, there are a few things you'll need to take into consideration. First make sure the fence is located within your property line. You'll also want to consider any easements or setback requirements that may be in place. Often, in city or village areas, privacy fences are restricted to the back or sides of the property and are not allowed from the front of the house to the street. Additionally, you'll need to contact Digger's Hotline (WI) or Julie (IL) to locate any underground utility lines that may be present. The service is free of charge by law and can be requested by dialing 811 or by visiting their website. Once you have a basic idea of where your privacy fence will be located, you can then begin to choose the type of fencing material you'd like to use. There are a variety of options available, so be sure to do some research to find the material that best suits your needs.

### Step 2 - Wood or Vinyl?

When deciding on the type of privacy fence you want, there are a few things you need to take into account. First is the appearance. Do you want a natural looking wood fence or a more modern vinyl fence? Both options include a variety of looks, from basic to decorative. It mostly boils down to what is aesthetically pleasing to you. At Sager Fencing, our wood fences have Post Master brand steel posts that will last a lifetime and feature high quality western cedar (that can be stained or left natural) for a premium classic look. Our top notch vinyl fencing is long lasting, maintenance free, and comes in a wide variety of styles and colors and is a great contemporary choice. Wood fences require a little more maintenance down the road than vinyl fences. At the time of writing this article, wood and vinyl fences are quite comparable in price, with each material having different degrees of how elaborate you want to go. For a privacy fence you typically want to choose a fence that is solid and tall. A height of 6' is used most commonly, but you can choose 4' or 5' heights as well. For a wide selection and examples of privacy fences to assist you in your ideas and planning, visit our website at <https://sagerfencing.com/privacy-fencing-products.html> or call us anytime at the number below. We are more than happy to assist you through the planning process!

### Step 3 - Check Building Codes and Any Necessary Permit Requirements

It is important to check with your local building code department to ensure that you are following all the necessary requirements and have any necessary permits. Failure to do this can result in a number of problems, including having to pay fines or even having the fence removed. If you call us at Sager Fencing, we will come and give you an estimate providing the cost of the materials, the labor, and advise you on any permits that may be required or potential code restrictions.

### Step 4 - Hire a Professional To Install the Fence

It's important to make sure that your privacy fence is installed correctly. For Do-It-Yourselfers, it is a common mistake to underestimate the materials, tools and knowledge required. Also, the material quality from big box suppliers, combined with inexperience, will no doubt negatively impact the longevity of your investment considerably. Hiring a professional to install your privacy fence is a great way to ensure that the job is done right. A professional will have the experience and the knowledge necessary to get the job done quickly and efficiently. They'll also be able to give you advice on what type of fence

is best for your situation. A good contractor will be able to walk you through the whole process as needed. Find a reputable contractor. There are a lot of different companies out there that *claim* to be experts in fence installation. Make sure that you take the time to research different companies before you make a final decision. Check their reviews online. Ask for references. Once you've found some reputable contractors that you're interested in, you'll need to get quotes from them. Remember, cheaper is not always better. It's important to make sure that you're hiring a company that you feel comfortable with. Of course, we hope you will choose us!

## **Choose Sager Fencing to Install Your New Privacy Fence**

At Sager Fencing, we use only the best, time-tested materials. Even the best materials, if not installed properly, can easily be damaged or broken. We have literally thousands of happy customers. Put our 50+ years experience to the test! We guarantee you will love the decision you made to have us install your privacy fence.

Thanks for reading! We hope this article has helped you in your new fence planning.

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