

In order to promote harmony in exterior appearance, the Borough of Saint-Laurent has adopted regulations to guide the construction of certain structures that are accessory to a residential building.

No permit or authorization certificate is required for the installation or the construction of a fence<sup>1</sup>.

Fences can be erected in any yard of a private lot, provided that all requirements are respected.

### General provisions

- The minimum distance between a fence and a fire hydrant is 1.20 m.
- The minimum distance between a fence and a sidewalk or a street edge is 1.50 m.
- Fences must be maintained and kept in good condition.
- At intersections, a visibility triangle<sup>2</sup> providing clear views of streets and alleys must be respected.

### Authorized materials

Only the following materials are authorized:

- Fabricated metal
- Iron mesh
- Manufactured, enamelled or corrugated panels
- Planed, treated, painted, varnished or stained wood, with posts spaced no more than 3 m apart in order to provide solidity
- Polymer (plastic)

### Provisions applicable to the Bois-Franc and Nouveau Saint-Laurent sectors

- Fences located in a side or a back yard:
  - Iron mesh, plastic-coated, with metal posts and rails
  - Iron mesh, with metal posts and rails, and aluminum or polyvinyl chloride (PVC) slats
  - Polyvinyl chloride (PVC)
  - Ornamental iron or wrought iron
  - Masonry posts, except for PVC fencing
- Fences located in a front yard:
  - Wrought iron or ornamental iron
  - Masonry posts for wrought iron or ornamental iron

### Materials not permitted for fences

- Barbed wire
- Chain-link
- Sheet metal, unless corrugated or enamelled

Wood is not allowed for fencing in the Bois-Franc and Nouveau Saint-Laurent sectors.

### Installation standards

Fences can only be installed on private lots.

Installation of a fence is mandatory in the following situations:

- The installation of a private swimming pool (for additional information, see the infosheets related to in-ground pools, above-ground pools, and hot tubs and spas).
- A property or excavation presenting a danger to public safety.

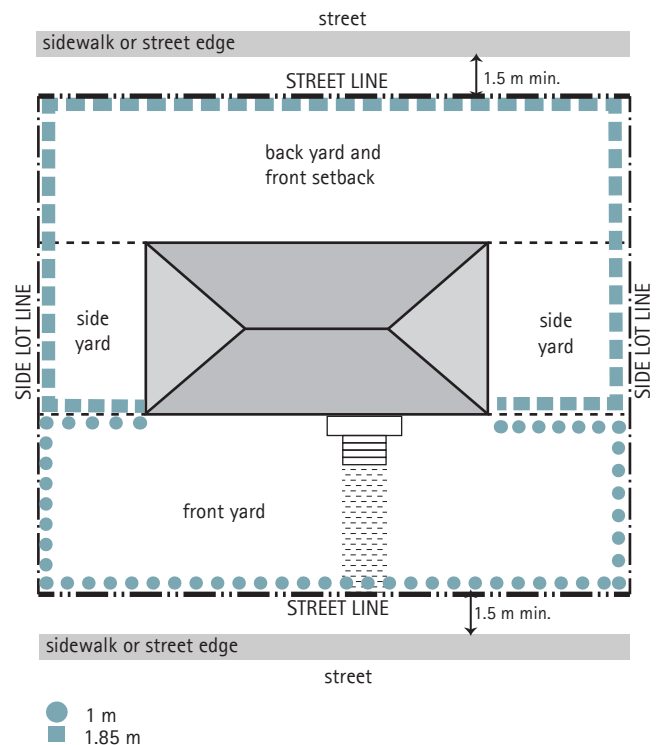
#### Location (figure 1)

#### Maximum height

• Front yard and front setback:	1 m
• Side yard and side setback:	1.85 m
• Back yard and rear setback:	1.85 m
• Back yard and front setback in the case of a transverse lot*:	1.85 m

\* A lot fronting on 2 parallel streets (see figure below).

Figure 1: Location and maximum height of a fence on a transverse lot



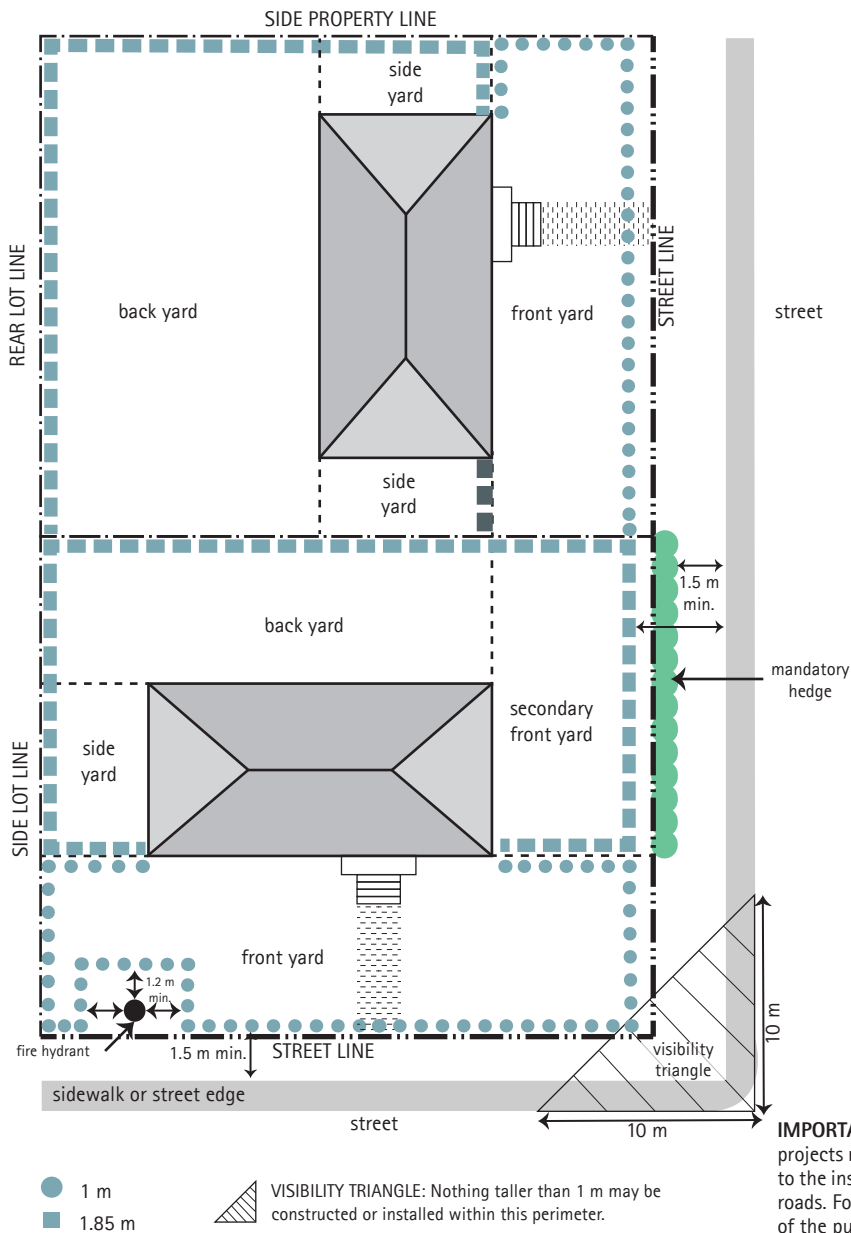
*Specific cases*  
(figure 2)

*Maximum height*

- Secondary front yard\*: 1.85 m
- Secondary front yard adjacent to the side lot line of an adjoining property\*: 1.85 m

\*This fence must be combined with a hedge of equal height or taller, subject to the prescribed maximum heights.

Figure 2: Location and maximum height of a fence



**IMPORTANT:** Depending on their nature and magnitude, certain construction projects may require obtaining a permit to occupy the public domain, particularly due to the installation of a container, a debris chute or the presence of materials on public roads. For more information, consult the information sheet, "Regulation: Occupation of the public domain".

**Definitions**

**Fence:** Any construction, whether or not along a property line, other than a high or low wall, installed in order to delimit or close off a space.

**Visibility triangle:** On a property located at the intersection of 2 or more streets, a visibility triangle extending 10 m along each street must be maintained. This triangle is measured from the intersection of the 2 paving lines or from their extension.

**Information:** 311 - ville.montreal.qc.ca/saint-laurent/infosheets

**Legal framework:** Règlement sur le zonage n° RCA08-08-0001  
Règlement sur les tarifs n° RCA14-08-1

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