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FENCE REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES

- 1. Building permits are required for all swimming pool and swimming pool fence installations.
- 2. Any fence more than 6' high requires a building permit.
- 3. Fences must be on the property of the owner.
 - We recommend that a property survey be used to determine fence placement.
 - We also recommend that placement be just slightly within the owner's property because, in extreme cases, adverse possession may be invoked due to care of the property by a neighbor.
- 4. Fences cannot extend out to curbs on streets, town, county or state property or right of ways.
- 5. Fences cannot impede sight at intersections or roads.
- 6. No height restrictions exist *except* for swimming pool requirements and refuse containers for multi-family residences and commercial facilities.

For garbage fencing requirement, click the link to see Greenport Town Code, Chapter 72.1 A (3) a–d: https://www.ecode360.com/10607250

- 7. NYS and the Town REQUIRE an approved "barrier" to be installed in conjunction with a swimming pool. Some general information from the Residential Code of NYS is as follows:
 - A. Barriers required for all pools.
 - B. At least a 4' high barrier is required.
 - C. Not permitted to be any more than 2" of space between the barrier and the ground.
 - D. Barriers cannot be constructed to provide footholds (from outside).
 - E. Barrier construction including railings, post & other material must resist at least 200 lbs.
 - F. Chain link fences are permitted. Check specifics on the maximum size openings allowed.
 - G. Picket type fences must have 4" or less between pickets.
 - H. All gates must be securely locked and self-latching. Pedestrian gates must be self-closing, self-latching and swing outward away from the pool.