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## Here's our simple guide to fence post layout and spacing.

 **Mark your fence line**

Before laying out any posts, you'll want to mark your fence line. To do this, first locate your property boundaries, where your property ends, and your neighbours begins. Check city, town, or municipality records or have a land surveyor look.

Drive grade stakes into the ground at the corners and ends of your fence, 6 in. inside the property boundaries.

Stretch twine or heavy string between the stakes and pull tight to mark the layout of your fence line. Mark corners with a stake. The corners are where panels meet at a 90-degree angle.

Measure the perimeter of the area in feet. Use the stakes as a guide. The tape needs to be taut, so find a helper to make it easier.

 **Mark your Corner and End Posts**

Your fence project consists of three types of posts: corner/end posts, gate posts (optional) and line posts. You'll want to mark the location of your corner and end posts first.

*The corners.* Place a marker on each corner. Keep in mind that a corner is any place where two fence panels will meet at a 90-degree angle.

*End posts.* End posts are going to be placed where the fence is going to end. This could be next your house, a shed, a tree, or any other object.

 **Mark your Gate Posts**

If you're including a gate in your fence project, mark your gate posts next. Please indicate if the gate is for people or vehicles/equipment.

 **Mark your Line Posts**

All other fence posts in your fence project are line posts. Mark the line post locations with proper spacing along the fence line. Starting with an end or corner post location, measure post spacing every 8ft for residential and 10ft for commercial and mark the locations of your line posts along the fence line.

 **Look for Obstructions and Utility Lines**

If you have trees or other permanent features, we'll need to plan around them. Will the fence need to run near the features? In front of them? Behind them? Is there any clearing of shrubs or similar, or tree removal needed?

 **Provide a Sketch**

Please provide a rough sketch of the layout, if possible. See other side for an example. And please share any and all pictures of the area.

Sample of rough sketch for fence.

