

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
Headquarters 9th Support Group (ACC)
Beale Air Force Base, California

MEMORANDUM FOR MILITARY FAMILY HOUSING AND MOBILE HOME PARK
RESIDENTS

FROM: 9 CES/CEH
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SUBJECT: Fence Instructions

1. Residents desiring to build fences must obtain approval by use of the AF Form 332, Self-Help Work Request and have an AF Form 103, Construction/Digging Permit, completed prior to the start of construction. All requests must be initiated at the housing office. The following types of fencing are allowed:

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| 4 feet | Chain link for family housing and the mobile home park |
| 4 feet | Redwood or cedar (good neighbor fence) for the mobile home park only . |
| 6 feet | Redwood (good neighbor fence) for family housing only . |
| 6 feet | Chain link only with a swimming pool (must be secured with a lock), or to contain a pet that is capable of escaping a 4 foot fence. |

NOTE: Due to limited lot size in the Mobile Home Park, swimming pools are not authorized.

IMPORTANT: UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL A FENCE BE ATTACHED TO THE EXTERIOR WALL SURFACE OF THE HOUSE.

a. Chain link fencing must be at least four (4) feet high. Six (6) feet chain link will only be authorized to enclose an approved swimming pool, or to contain a pet that is capable of escaping a 4 foot fence. Chain link will be 11 gauge wire with a two (2) inch mesh and barb-knuckle top with a top rail of at least 1-3/8 diameter. Posts will be galvanized steel with caps that are not pointed. End, corner and gateposts must have a minimum outside diameter of two (2) inches and must be plumb and placed in a vertical position set to a depth of 30 inches. Concrete around the poles is optional but desirable for a sturdy fence. Terminal posts must be braced and corner posts will be installed. Intermediate (line) posts must have a minimum outside diameter of 1-5/8 inches and must not exceed ten (10) feet apart; they must be plumb, in line and set in a vertical position. Line posts must be set to a depth of at least two (2) feet. Fabric if

included will be of the same gauge and mesh and must be stretched tight from terminal posts. Fabric must be fastened to each terminal post independently by a tension bar with bands spaced approximately 12 inches apart. Residents desiring additional privacy may insert wooden or aluminum slats into the two (2) inch mesh of the fabric.

b. Redwood fences will be six (6) feet high. Posts will be set eight (8) feet apart and will be 4" x 4" redwood set in at least 18 inches of concrete. Fence boards of solid redwood will be 1" x 16" material alternately attached and spaced less than 3-1/2" apart and fastened to a 2" x 4" redwood bottom brace rail and top rail with eight (8) penny galvanized nails. The top of boards will be dog-eared. Fence will be unpainted. Non-redwood fences in the Mobile Home Park must be painted to match the mobile home. Gate will be three (3) feet wide, solid redwood construction and installed with 2" x 10" galvanized strap hinges and a heavy-duty lockable latch.

c. Location of fence. Fences may be constructed to enclose areas of any size up to the total backyard directly behind the unit assigned to each resident unless the fence interferes with maintenance and repair of utility systems. Fences will not be within four feet of water and sewer manholes, nor enclose a sewer manhole cover. A minimum of three (3) foot clearance is required between fences and air conditioning units. Applicants submitting an AF Form 332 for fencing will attach a detailed sketch on 8½ x 11" paper showing the exact location of the proposed fence, gate and sewer mains if known.

(1) For any completely enclosed area which restricts the outside entrance to the patio door or garbage pick-up point, a three (3) foot gate matching the fence construction will be provided within five (5) feet of the house when located on the side closest to the garbage can location. Fences will not be attached to the house, patio fence, trees, base boundary fence or any other government property.

2. Maintenance. Residents will be responsible for maintenance and upkeep of both sides of the fence. Grass and debris growing and collecting against the fence will be trimmed/removed. Any unsightly, unsafe fence must be repaired or removed within 30 days of identification.

3. Termination. Residents desiring to retain possession of the fence will remove all materials including concrete, fill holes with soil suitable for lawn restoration and reseed all bare areas. Permanently installed chain link fencing that meets all requirements of this policy letter may be donated to the government upon acceptance by a housing inspector at the time of the pre-termination and final inspection. The resident will remove fences not meeting these requirements and the area will be restored prior to the final inspection.

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