Decide what your yard is before replacing fencing

Whether you are looking to create your own private oasis, or add more security and safety to your home, a proper fence can make a world of difference.

But the type of fence you choose will ultimately stem from how you use your yard.

The challenge comes in finding something that is both functional and aesthetically pleasing, explains Todlynn MacPherson, who is with Royal LePage Truro Real Estate. MacPherson recommends reviewing these three scenarios to determine your fencing needs:

 Privacy. If you are looking to create more privacy for your home, solid wood fences are a good option. Most fences built for privacy stand about six feet high. They are available in varieties of wood types, with cedar and spruce being the most popular. Lattice-tops can add aesthetic appeal, and a myriad of building designs are available. Ask your local building centre for wood fence and gate design ideas or research online.

2. Safety. For backyards with pools, a fence with limited horizontal rails is recommended. This will ward off trespassers from using the fence as a ladder to get into the pool area. Having a gate with a spring latch is a bylaw requirement in most municipalities. Black aluminum fencing is typically produced with vertical spindles often emulating wrought iron design and provides good sight lines for pool areas.

3. Security. Keeping children or pets safe in the yard is critical for any family. Chainlink fencing is strong, reliable, and affordable. Whether you have a dog that jumps or one that digs, chain-link fences can be built to suit the needs of your pet. Although it is one of the less aesthetically appealing options, chain-link fencing prioritizes safety and won t break your budget.



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