



The Law About Hedges in Foster City

Conforming hedges may not be higher than the following*:

Front Yard

- **40"** parallel to the street
- **40"** on corner lots within a 25' triangle nearest the intersection
- **40"** perpendicular to the street if within 5' of the driveway and within 5' of the back of the sidewalk
- **6'** all other front yard hedges

Rear Yard

- **12'** for non-waterfront properties
- Waterfront properties (measured from house to water):
 - Yard less than 12' in depth = 72" for first half then step down to 42"
 - Yard between 12'-35' in depth = Step down by 1/3: 72", 57" then 42"
 - Yard exceeding 35' in depth = Step down by 1/4: 72", 62" 52" then 42"
- For corner lots where the rear yard adjoins a neighboring property's front yard, additional regulations may apply

Side Yard

- **40"** along the street on corner lots at intersections controlled by all way stop signs if within 5' of back of sidewalk
- **6'** along the street on corner lots at intersections controlled by all way stop signs if more than 5' from back of sidewalk
- **6'** along the street on corner lots at intersections not-controlled by all way stop signs
- **12'** all other side yard hedges

If your hedge does not currently conform, you can trim it or register it as "non-conforming" using the form on the back of this page.

Forms must be received by December 31, 2015.

**This document is intended as a guide and does not cover every provision of the law. Hedges must meet the criteria for grandfathering in order to be registered as non-conforming. More detailed information, online forms and contact information for the Community Development Department is available at www.fostercity.org/hedges.*