

Seasonal Removable Mesh Fences (Deer Fencing)

The owner of a lot, (located in the Quail Estates Homeowners Association, Harker Heights, TX neighborhood), as an alternative to protecting plants and landscape within their lot during deer-rutting season, must request written approval **annually**, by the Architectural Control Committee, of Seasonal Removable Mesh Fences, also known as deer fencing.

The request must be submitted ***before any construction shall take place***. Only the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) will approve the Seasonal Removable Mesh Fence to be used during the deer-rutting season.

The “Deer Rutting Season” in Central Texas, to include Harker Heights, Texas, Bell County, is from 1 October thru 31 January (provided by Wildlife Biologist for Bell County, Texas Parks and Wildlife). Any Seasonal Removal Mesh Fence that is put up outside of the Deer Rutting Season prescribed timeline will be subject to violation fees per Bylaw and DCC&R stipulations. (Suggestion: submit your ACC form in August or September to be ready)

The restriction of Fences and Sidewalks and Sight Line Obstruction shall be adhered to (*ref. 4.05 of Art IV of the DCCR*), with the exception of a homeowners request and Architectural Control Committee (ACC) approval of a temporary, seasonal, removable fence for the purpose of protecting any freshly planted flowerbeds, shrubs or trees.

A protected landscape or flowerbed is defined on the Homeowner’s property, to be outside of the Homeowners privacy fencing, but within the approved homeowner’s lot.

The Seasonal Removable Mesh Fence will only be constructed to protect flowerbeds, shrubs or trees. It cannot be placed or constructed on a lot nearer to the front street so as to maintain visual continuity. It cannot be erected as to be stood up in front of the flowerbed nor can it have poles attached to it in any kind of way. The seasonal removal fence will only be constructed to be wrapped around flower bed items or bushes in the form of deer mesh netting as prescribed below in the deer mesh definition.

The Architectural Control Committee (ACC) has the right to deviate its approval for the date of deer-rutting season, fencing style and materials to be used based on the location within the property.

Seasonal Removable Mesh Fences or (Deer Fencing) will be used with prior written approval and guidance from the Architectural Control Committee (ACC).

Polypropylene Protective Fencing (Mesh) and Garden Stakes will only be dark green or black in color, made of wood or metal (painted black or dark green) , and used so as to visually blend in with its surroundings, to maintain visual continuity, so as to avoid unsightliness as much as possible.

Seasonal Removable Mesh Fences must be maintained. The fencing must be equal in height and depth and width all the way around a flowerbed or landscaping, to keep even continuity and visual appeal.

Only approved deer mesh and stakes from the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) shall be used. Each Owner shall comply strictly with the restrictions as the same may be amended from time to time (*ref. 3.16 of Art III of the DCCR*)

Approved Materials for Seasonal Removable Fences (Deer Fencing)

Mesh and stakes can be found at your local garden center or hardware stores such as Home Depot and Lowe's.

- **Deer Mesh** in black or dark green, made of polypropylene protective fencing mesh, are the only approved materials.

The Deer Mesh can be used for wrapping shrubs and saplings to protect individual plants during the deer-rutting season and is approved by the Architectural Control Committee.

- **Posts or Garden Stakes** of wood or metal, black or dark green in color, with a maximum of 1 inch in depth/width; at least 4 ft. but not more than 5ft in height from ground to tip (not including the depth of stake imbedded within the ground).

Examples of Prices for materials:

Deer Mesh

Deer-X \$18.49 (polypropylene mesh) or
Easy Gardener \$18.87 (polypropylene mesh)

Stakes

Plastic Coated Steel Sturdy Stake (6ft) \$2.87ea
Wood Landscape Stakes-*(must be painted black or dark green)* (6pack of 60in) \$7.98
Gardener's Blue Ribbon Sturdy Stake (Heavy duty garden stake)

Plastic Ties

Black Ply Fence Ties (50 Pack) \$4.99

Or Approved

Wireless Deer Fence \$59.95 found on www.wirelessdeerfence.com