

TIPS

Determining Your Lot Lines

There is a fine line between you and your neighbors—your lot line. It's the legal perimeter of your property. It is also the border against which any additions to your property must be measured to meet subdivision covenants and local ordinances.

OBTAIN A PLOT MAP OF YOUR PROPERTY

There are several ways to find your property lines. The easiest way is to visit your county recorder's office or your city engineering office and ask to see the plot map of your property. If there is enough details on the map, you may be able to locate the survey pins on the property. If your home is in a new development, the developer or the contractor may have a detailed plan you can copy.

*Your County
Recorder's
Office Has A
Plot Map Of
Your Property.*

CONDUCT A PROPERTY SURVEY

Anytime you purchase property in which you plan to invest time and money, conduct a survey. A survey and formal analysis may cost between \$200 to \$1,250 depending on the lot size; it can cost \$200 to \$350 if a city lot has already been platted. Tell the surveyor exactly what you want. You might save money if you need only information about one side of your property.

SAFEGUARDING YOUR PROPERTY

Hiring a surveyor safeguards you if your improvements are challenged by a neighbor or association. Then you'll have proof of working within the proper boundaries of your property.