



Add Natural Beauty to Yards with Wood Fence

(NAPS) - Building a fence can add value and beauty to your home. Fences come in a variety of materials, such as vinyl, ornamental steel and aluminum and chain-link, but one of the most popular materials used is wood.

The versatility of wood fencing is virtually endless; from the natural charm of split rail to the Victorian elegance of white picket and the quiet serenity of a privacy fence, wood is often the first choice for homeowners.

A traditional favorite, wood fencing comes in a multitude of styles and provides a natural, long-lasting fence. To ensure a long life for your fence, be sure to choose a rot-resistant wood, according to Carol Ann Berry of FLW Wood Products.

"Cedar is popular because it is naturally resistant to rot without being treated, and it is attractive. Pressure treated southern yellow pine and some red pine are also popular and are warranted against rotting and decay," she explained.

Other types of wood used in fencing include spruce, hemlock, locust, cypress, poplar, oak, and redwood, Berry said.

Wood fences are generally used to either provide an attractive *frame* around a property, or to shield the property from view. Some types are also used for safety, especially those built around swimming pools.

Aesthetic styles include the rail fence, which consists of posts with two to four horizontal rails between them. "Rail fence gives a property a *ranch* look by using either board, round or split rails," according to Jim Bockelmann, a Certified Fence Professional, of Ideal Fencing in Erie, CO. Rail fence is primarily a decorative style, but it can be constructed to keep pets and children in the yard by adding a nearly invisible wire mesh screen behind the rails.

Another popular style of wood fences is the classic picket fence. Always charming, picket fence can add character to a property as well as serving a more practical purpose: keeping children or pets in the yard.

Finally, privacy fences are gaining popularity as property sizes grow smaller. These board fences shield neighbors from each other, providing a secluded back yard retreat and screening unattractive surroundings.

Rail, picket and privacy fences come in a variety of styles and can be personalized with lattice work and post caps. For more information contact us at C&C Fence.