

Security Starts with Gates

(NAPS) - An increasing demand for privacy and safety has led to a rise in the number of gated homes and communities across the country. Many homeowners are turning to fencing and gates to increase their family's sense of security.



"There's always been a high demand for gates, but lately there's been an increase in demand for gate security," remarked Robert Burton, of Burton Fence, Inc., in Hudson, FL.

Gates are built of the same material as the fence, like wood, vinyl, chain-link, ornamental steel or aluminum and come in both walk-through and drive-through styles. Innovations in gate security devices for both types of gates offer new safety features for homeowners.

Traditionally, walk-through gates were locked by padlocks, but now, according to Jane Miner of D&D Technologies in Costa Mesa, CA, homeowners have more options. "Self-closing, self-latching gates are very popular, especially for pool gates. Homeowners can also have gates installed with a key lock system or even have a gate that self-closes, then self-locks."

Many homeowners are also turning to drive gates that block access to their driveway to increase the security of their home. Such gates are usually opened automatically.

"You can swipe a card, enter a code onto a keypad, use a remote control or call the homeowner on a phone to open a gate. The most popular methods of automatic gate entry for my clients are to use a remote control or keypad," Burton said.

Drive gates generally open by swinging or sliding on wheels or a track, and there are two types - single or double drive. A single is one wide gate that swings or slides open, while a double drive is two narrower gates that open from the center. A double drive gate requires two gate operators to open, while the single drive requires just one.

For more information on security gates, please contact us at C&C Fence.