



# Which Fence is Right for Me?







## Introduction

The first step to identifying which type of fence is right for you is identifying your primary goals. Do you want a purely functional fence that will keep your children and pets secure as they play outdoors? Do you want a fence that acts as a visual screen to provide privacy from neighbors and passersby? Do you want your fence to serve purely aesthetic purposes to boost your home's value? Do you want a fence that doesn't require maintenance?

Although each of these needs may be met with a different type of fence, the fence you choose may meet many needs. The purpose of this guide is to introduce you to the seven most popular fence materials (cedar, rail, vinyl, Trex, ornamental iron, chain link, and masonry) and objectively detail the benefits and limitations of each. Now, instead of performing several Google searches, reading tons of articles, and chatting with all your neighbors and friends about what they do and don't enjoy in their fences, this eBook provides you with a single, comprehensive guide to help you discover which type of fence is right for you.

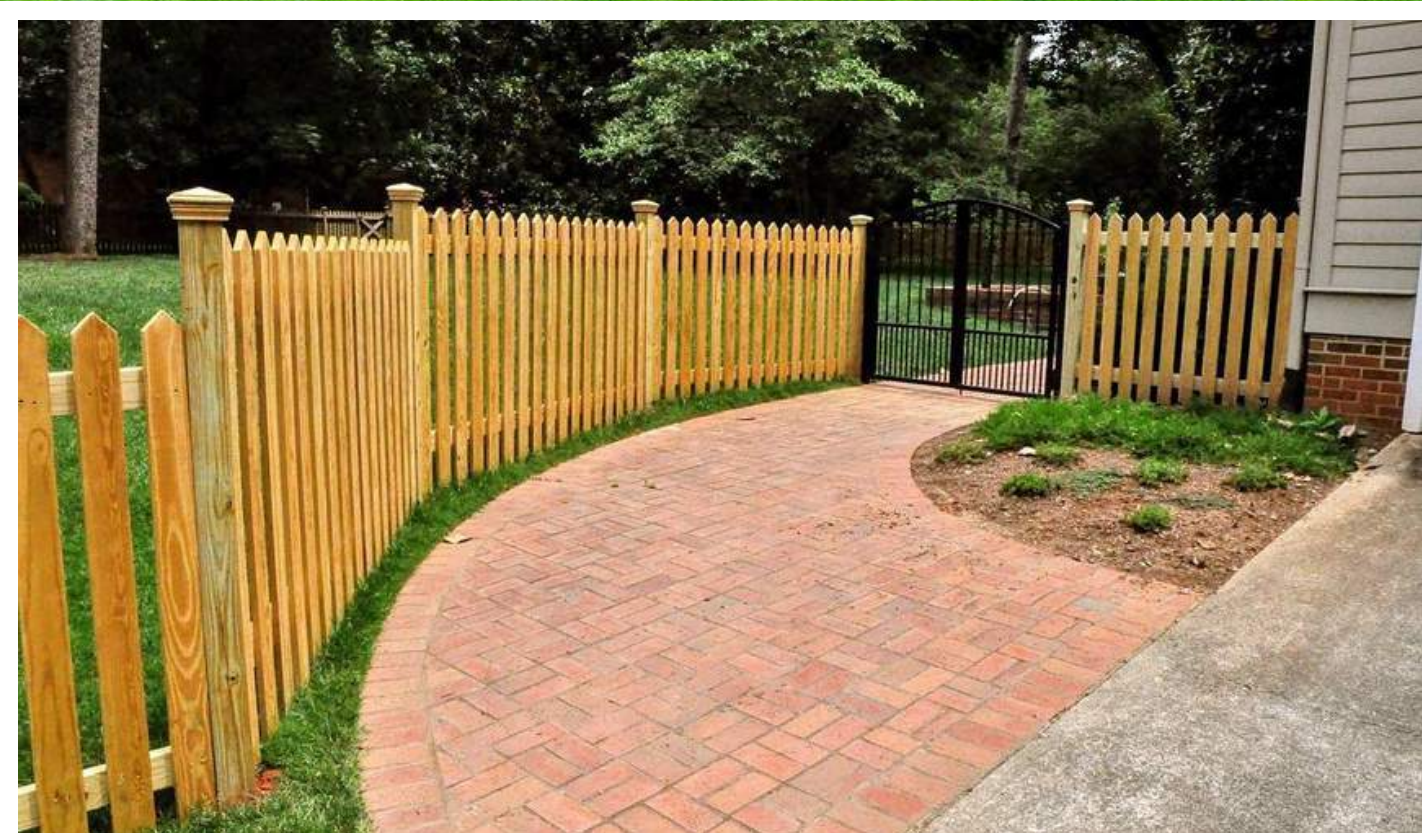




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# Cedar Fencing



Wood fences have traditionally been the favorite fence type in America and beyond, and for anyone who's seen or lived with a cedar fence, it's little wonder why. Cedar is by far our most popular type of fence because it provides unparalleled warmth, charm, and cheerful hominess. But cedar provides more than mere aesthetic value—it's also a great option for families who want visual privacy as well as security for children and pets.

We've chosen to work with cedar rather than other types of wood because it is extremely durable. The natural oils found in cedar make it largely resistant to weather damage and insect attacks. Whereas most types of wood warp and shrink over time, cedar retains its original form throughout its lifespan. Additionally, cedar requires little maintenance. Although most types of wood require regular resealing to maintain their structural integrity, cedar retains its oils for a long time and does not need to be treated. Of course, many homeowners may prefer to stain or reseal their cedar fence with linseed oil for aesthetic reasons (though weathered gray cedar carries its own appeal), but doing so is never necessary for structural purposes.

Finally, cedar is affordable to purchase and quick to install. It's also easy to repair since cedar is a popular fencing material and will always be available on the market, unlike other types of fencing that might go in and out of style.



# Rail Fencing

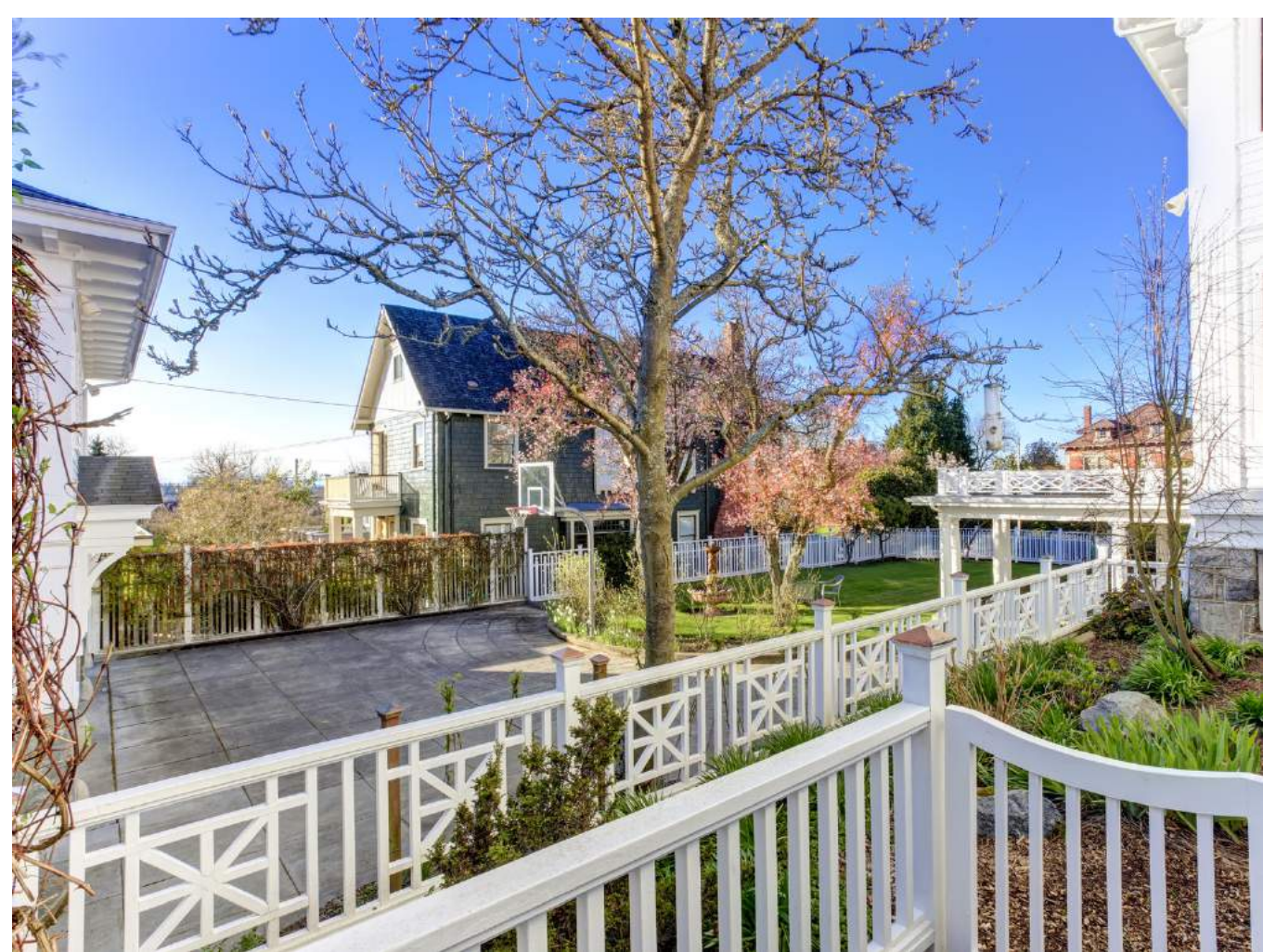
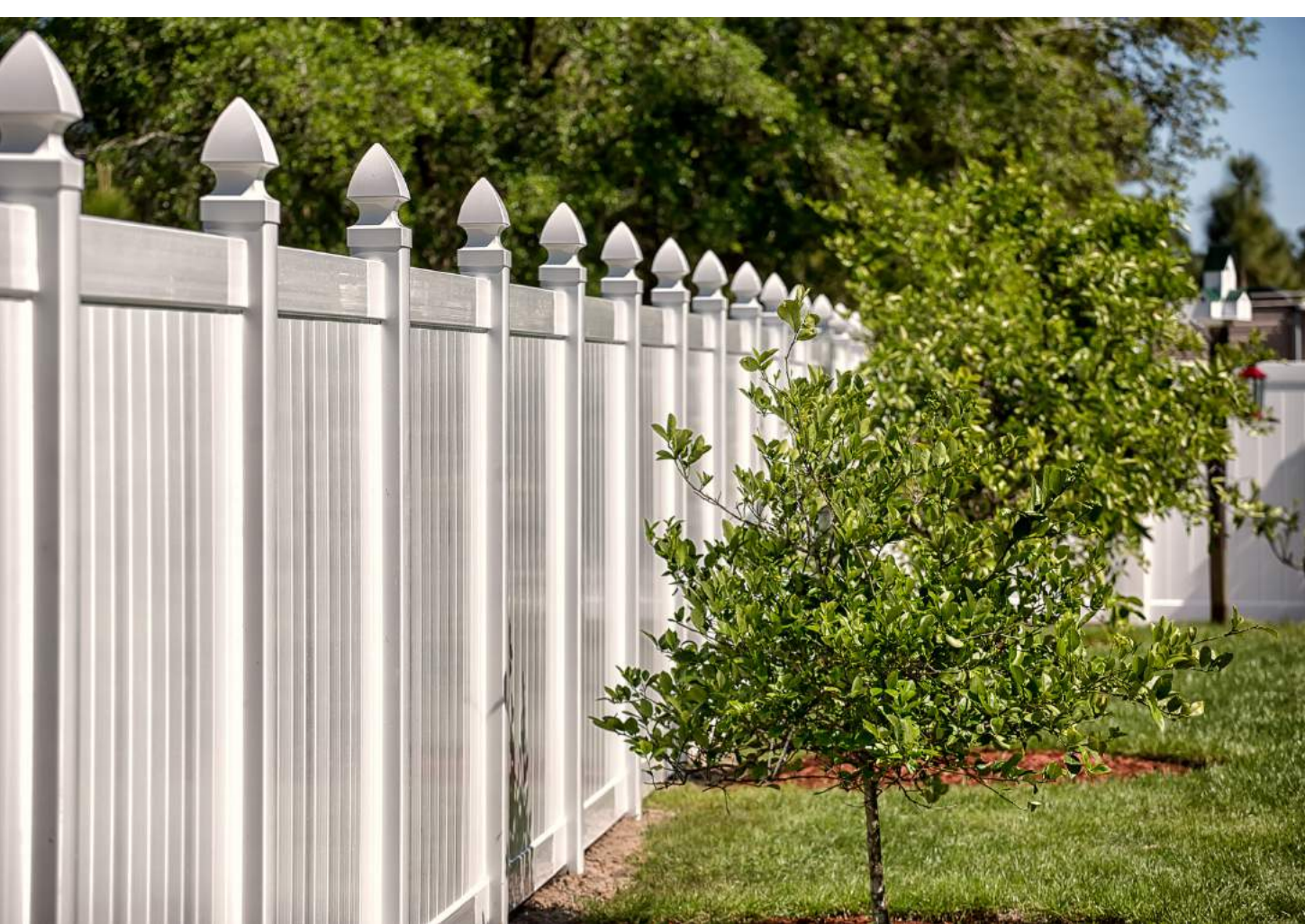


Rail fencing used to be the most popular type of fence in America because it's the best option for home owners wanting to establish property boundaries, separate agricultural areas, contain livestock like horses and sheep, and keep animals out of gardens (where wire mesh/fabric are used). One of the unique structural traits of rail fencing is that it may be installed without any nails or other hardware. It is to this type of fence, with its practical purposes and culturally historic roots, that we owe our company name.

Split rail fencing is made from rough-sawn cedar that's split lengthwise into rails. While it's still an excellent option for farmers and ranchers to mark and show off extensive property, it has also been introduced into more suburban settings for decorative purposes because of its rustic charm. It is, of course, not the best type of fence for visual privacy or for keeping pets/children safe (unless you add meshing, which will require more regular maintenance to patch tears), but its country appeal is hard to beat, and it's a cost-effective fencing option.



# Vinyl Fencing



Split Rail Fence and Supply Company boast the most extensive collection of vinyl fences in the entire Denver metro area. Because of their customizable style, length, and color, many homeowners prefer vinyl to wood. Vinyl fences are also incredibly durable, flexible, and virtually maintenance-free.

Vinyl is easy to clean, requiring only soap and water to make it look brand new; it needs no staining or painting; in fact, vinyl is paint-resistant, making any vandalism/graffiti easy to wipe off; its color permeates all the way through each picket, so it never needs freshening; finally, because it is synthetic, it never rots, rusts, splinters, or warps.

Additionally, vinyl is fantastic for both privacy and security purposes; the spacing of vinyl pickets may be easily customized to fit tightly together for a full visual screen or to have small gaps to provide a peek outside your yard. So what's the downside? Vinyl fences cost more than most other fence types, and they aren't composed of all natural materials. Still, they are a fantastic long-term investment that you can count on to meet your needs for decades.



# Trex Fencing

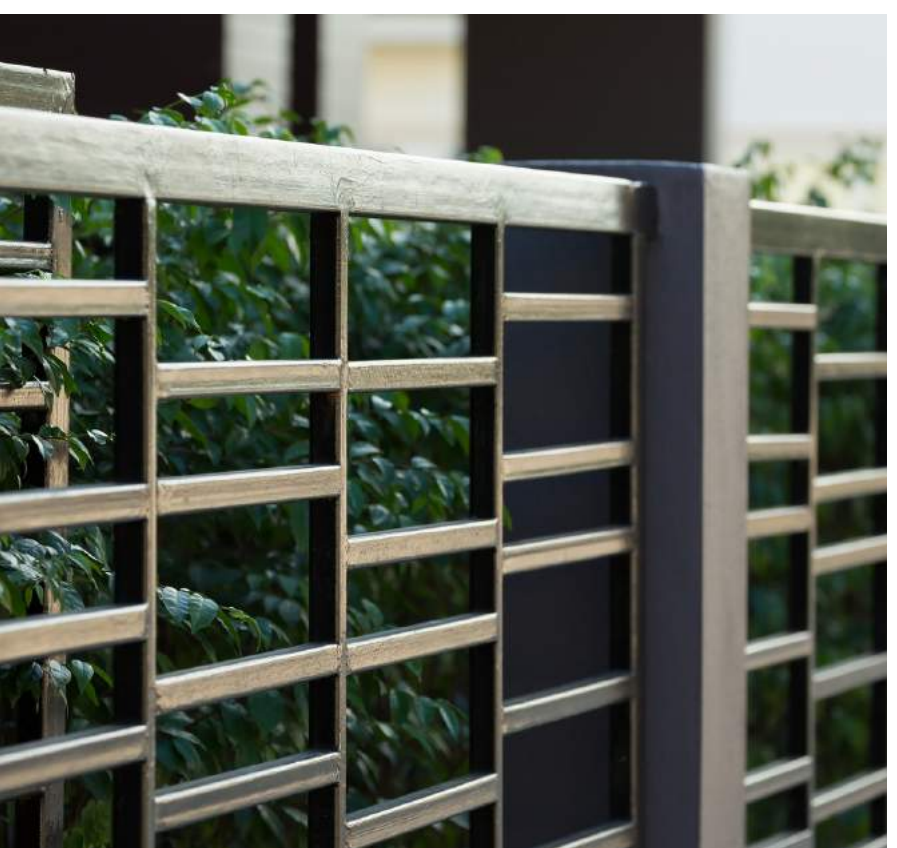


Trex fencing is another excellent alternative to natural wood fences. Like vinyl, it is extremely stable and does not rot, splinter, or stain over time; it does not require staining, painting, or guarding against insect damage; it can be easily cut to any height up to 12 feet; and it can withstand up to 110mph-winds. Unlike vinyl, however, Trex fencing is made from a combination of recycled/reclaimed plastic and reclaimed wood that would otherwise end up in the landfill, making it the most environmentally-friendly fencing option on the market.

Because Trex is composed partially of wood, it can be engineered to mimic the appearance of natural wood. It also offers the same privacy and security benefits as natural wood and vinyl. Split Rail Fence and Supply Company is the leading distributor of Trex Seclusions composite fencing, which is backed by a rare 25-year limited residential warranty that will make any homeowner confident in their purchase. While Trex fencing costs a bit more up front, it can prove less expensive over time with its minimal maintenance requirements.



# Ornamental Iron Fencing



As its name suggests, ornamental iron is used for decorative rather than “practical” purposes. Unlike cedar, vinyl, and Trex fencing, ornamental iron doesn’t provide a full visual screen and is therefore not often used for privacy purposes. It does, however, outstrip nearly every other fencing option with the grandeur of its aesthetics. Because of its stately appeal, it’s often paired with stucco, stone, and brick houses.

Ornamental and wrought iron fences are classic ways of delineating property lines, hedging in driveways, decks, and patios, and lining swimming pools without blocking the view. They are often used to highlight beautifully-maintained lawns and gardens, and tall iron fences also provide excellent security.

With all these bonuses, it’s important to note that ornamental iron fences are more expensive than most other fencing options, and at some point, they may require sanding and repainting to keep up their sharp appearance. Still, for decorative purposes, no other fence can compete with ornamental iron.



# Chain Link Fencing



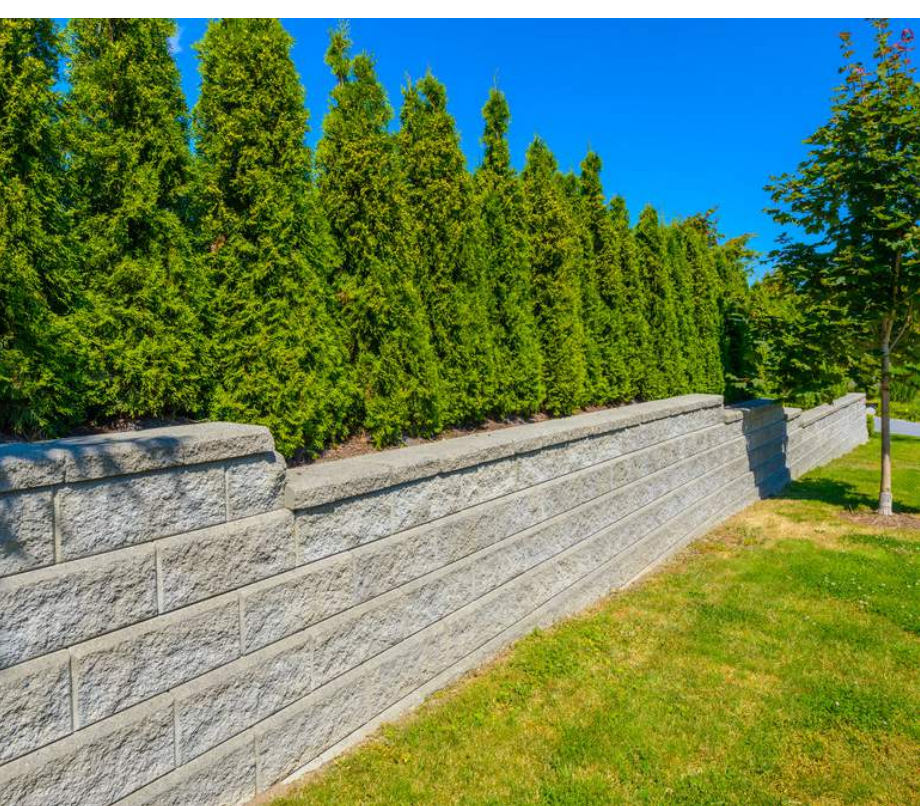
Chain link fences are the go-to option for schools, commercial properties, building sites, sports field, and even residential areas because they are extremely sturdy, affordable, and functional. While they don't offer visual privacy, they are cost-effective ways to mark property lines and keep children and pets safe.

Oftentimes, homeowners who install chain link fences will plant shrubbery either in or outside their chain link fence to maintain privacy and establish a focal point of natural greenery. It goes without saying that chain link fences are great for households with dogs. Besides this, they require almost no maintenance.





# Masonry



Masonry is in many ways the opposite of chain link fencing: it is a more expensive fencing option, but it lasts a long time and is an extremely attractive alternative to wood. Masonry is durable, stable, and stately, and it offers unbeatable curb appeal. Unlike most of the fencing options detailed above, masonry fences also act as excellent sound barriers, when installed correctly.

Masonry is extremely durable, and it is unique in that it is resistant to fire and withstands severe winds and storms, termites, insects, mold, rot, and fungus. It's also one of the most environmentally-friendly fencing options because it isn't artificially constructed and doesn't deplete natural wood resources. Best of all, it's virtually maintenance-free.

Even if you don't want or don't have the funds immediately available to install an entire masonry fence around your lawn's perimeter, consider showing off your address sign or building masonry posts along your walkway to add decorative touches to your home.



# Concrete Fencing



Concrete fences are the perfect maintenance-free alternative to wooden rail fences. You can have the appearance of natural wood, without the hassle. They are extremely durable and made up of reinforced steel and fiber. Not only are concrete fences fireproof, but they are able to withstand Colorado's severe winds and storms.

Concrete fences are resistant to fungus, termites, and other insects. They will not fade, rot, or warp like some of the other fence types available. [You can find concrete fences in subdivisions](#), walking trails, and golf courses across the Colorado Front Range. Concrete fences come in a wide variety of colors to instantly add curb appeal to your home.







SimTek fence systems are known for their high quality, patented construction and durability in any temperature. There are currently two types of SimTek fence systems available: Their signature simulated stone fence system, the Ecostone, and their realistic wood grain fence panel system, the Ashland.

Here are just a few of the benefits that you'll receive from installing a SimTek fence system:

1. Patented Construction
2. Fade Resistant
3. Superior Wind Rating
4. Solid Privacy and Security for your home
5. Great Sound Barrier
6. Durable in any Temperature
7. Maintenance Free







## HOA Clients

As a final note, we recommend that residential clients who belong to HOAs contact their local housing authorities to check fence material, height, and color restrictions before contacting us so that we can find the right fence for you more quickly.

## Conclusion

At Split Rail Fencing and Supply Company, we believe in educating our clients on the pros and cons of each fencing option for their situation so that they are satisfied with their fence for years to come. We've been trusted leaders in the fencing industry since 1974, and with our long history of installation and repairs, we have the confidence and competence to guide you to the perfect fence for your situation.

