

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Good Fences Make Good Sense

(NAPSA)—Fence me in. That's what a growing number of homeowners are saying because today's fences easily provide security, privacy and beauty to yards. There are not only more material choices than ever before, many fence materials are maintenance-free. Here are some of the choices:

Wood Fence

Versatile wood fence offers a range of styles from the rustic feel of a split rail to the charm of a white picket. Among the most popular wood fences choices are Western Red Cedar, Eastern White Cedar and pressure treated Southern Yellow Pine, according to Carol Ann Berry, of FLW Wood Products. "Cedar is popular because it's naturally resistant to rot without being treated, and it's attractive."

Chain-Link

Whether you want to fence in a swimming area, protect children and pets or keep intruders at bay, chain-link provides an inexpensive, effective safety barrier. Now chain link fences are available color-coated in black, green and brown, or in rust resistant materials such as galvanized steel, aluminum-coated steel and aluminum.

Ornamental Steel and Ornamental Aluminum

Attractive ornamental steel and aluminum fences are long-lasting, less-expensive alternatives to the wrought iron-style of fencing.

Secure, strong and aesthetically pleasing, ornamental steel



Privacy fences can be constructed of wood or vinyl.

picket fences require little upkeep," Jim Sheide, of Merchants Metals commented.

Vinyl

Maintenance-free vinyl fencing is available in many of the same styles as wood and ornamental picket, including privacy (board fence), split rail and picket. "Although the initial cost of vinyl is more than wood, vinyl fencing upkeep costs are minimal," Ralph Palmieri, of Bufftech said. Relatively new, the popularity of vinyl fencing is growing fast because it is maintenance-free, durable and good looking.

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