



All Around Fence & Decks Releases Wood Fence Guidance for Homeowners

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All Around Fence & Decks, a family-owned fencing company serving Anne Arundel County, has released guidance for homeowners on what to expect from a wood privacy fence, covering material selection, installation standards, and long-term maintenance.

Wood accounts for more residential privacy fence installations than any other material, and the decisions that determine whether a fence lasts 20 years or shows problems in five often come down to what a contractor settles before any digging begins. Pressure-treated lumber, wood infused with chemical preservatives to resist moisture, rot, and insect damage, is the standard for fence posts and structural framing. Not all pressure-treated stock carries the same preservation rating, and the distinction matters at installation. Lumber rated for ground contact is treated to hold up in direct soil exposure ? the appropriate grade for any fence post set below grade.

The installation decisions that most affect a wood fence's service life happen underground. Posts set in

concrete footings that extend below the local frost line (the depth at which soil freezes in winter) resist the ground movement that causes fence sections to shift or lean over time. In wet climates or areas with significant freeze-thaw cycles, shallow post installation is among the most common causes of early fence failure. All Around Fence & Decks sizes footings to local frost depth and soil conditions and requests underground utility locates through the national 811 call-before-you-dig service before any digging begins.

Homeowners who choose wood fencing should plan for a maintenance commitment that synthetic materials such as vinyl or aluminum do not require. Staining or sealing every two to three years protects the wood's surface from moisture penetration and UV exposure, and skipping this step speeds up the graying process and shortens the fence's useful life. Wood also offers more customization than most fencing materials, with height, spacing, cap style, and species selection (pressure-treated pine for durability, cedar for natural grain character) all adjustable to suit a property's look. All Around Fence & Decks offers four wood privacy fence configurations (board-on-board, shadowbox, stockade, and spaced picket) in addition to its signature vertical board with cap design, which includes a cap rail that shields the exposed end grain (the cross-section of wood fibers at each picket's top edge) from moisture.

When evaluating contractors, homeowners should ask about post lumber grade, footing depth, and whether the contractor requests underground utility locates before any digging begins. A contractor who addresses these details before scheduling work is typically one who installs to the same standard. Residential wood privacy fence installations generally run one to three days on site, following any required permit approvals, which vary by local jurisdiction.

"Wood is the most widely chosen material we install, and also the most commonly misunderstood going in," said Jeremy Verhoef, owner of All Around Fence & Decks. "A lot of the repair calls we get trace back to shortcuts in the post depth or the lumber grade ? nothing visible from the street, but it shows up within a few years. We walk through what a proper installation looks like before any job is scheduled, because the homeowner who understands what they are paying for makes a better decision."

Homeowners interested in wood fence installation can visit allaroundfenceanddecks.com or call (443) 838-9374 to schedule a free estimate. Completed project photos and customer reviews are available for review on the company's business profile.

About All Around Fence & Decks

All Around Fence & Decks is a family-owned fencing company that has served homeowners and businesses in Anne Arundel County, MD for more than 25 years. Founded by James Verhoef and now

operated by Owner Jeremy Verhoef, the company installs wood, vinyl, aluminum, chain link, and split rail fencing, as well as residential and commercial gate systems. All Around Fence & Decks holds Maryland Home Improvement Commission license MHIC #97820, carries an A+ rating from the Better Business Bureau, and has received the Angie's List Super Service Award. The company is located at 8130 Ventnor Road, Pasadena, MD 21122. More information is available at allaroundfenceanddecks.com.

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