



Thank you for having **Victory Fence Co.** build you a cedar fence! We know that you will enjoy your new beautiful yard!

Cedar wood works wonderfully for outdoor structures, such as fences, because of its attractive red tone, and it's more resistant to warping, insect infestation and rot. Over time, dirt and weather will turn the wood gray. Cedar can be stained to enhance the color, or left a natural shade. Proper care can keep the wood looking new for many years.

Cedar is a durable and resilient wood that can withstand a lot of wear and tear brought on by the weather and elements. A cedar fence provides beauty and privacy to the exterior of any home. Cedar fences are low-maintenance, although specific care is required to keep the fence in good condition. Cleaning and general maintenance is necessary to preserve cedar wood fences. If cared for properly, your cedar fence will remain attractive and structurally sound for many years to come.

**Wood is a live, natural product and we cannot control nor can we guarantee warping and \*checking will not occur.**

Here are a few tips to help keep your fence healthy and beautiful:

#### **Water Damage**

Apply a waterproofing sealer to the cedar fence to protect the wood from splintering, cracking and warping due to the weather elements. Brush on two thin coats of waterproofing sealer using a paint brush. Allow the sealer to dry in between coats. Seal your cedar fence every three to five years.

Avoid letting excessive amounts of water hit the fence. Preventing rainwater from getting on the fence is impractical. Do not place sprinklers where the water stream hits the fence, even after applying a sealer.

#### **Weeding**

Keep bushes and vines from growing up the fence. Planting landscaping around the perimeter of the fence is fine. Cut down weeds and vines that may begin to grow on the surface of the fence.

#### **Cleaning**

Clean your cedar fence at least once every year. Combine 3 qts. warm water, 1 qt. oxygen bleach and ¼ cup non-ammonia dish soap into a garden sprayer. Saturate the fence with the cleaning solution. Allow it to set on the fence for about 10 minutes. Scrub any tough stains from the fence with a scrub brush. Rinse the fence clean with plain water from a garden hose.

Remove mold and mildew stains promptly. Mold and mildew will eat away at the wood if left untreated. Mix a solution of 4 oz. oxygen bleach and 1 gallon of hot water into a bucket. Scrub the mold and mildew from the fence with the cleaning solution and a stiff scrub brush. Rinse the fence with plain water.

**\*Checking** – cracks that can appear in the cedar over time.

*This happens naturally as the wood starts drying out, which can happen if you don't weather proof it because the sun and wind will leech all of the natural oils out of the wood. Checking doesn't really impact the integrity of your fence all that much. Some people even enjoy it, as they feel it gives their fence a rustic flavor – just like some people enjoy the look and feel of naturally weathered cedar. If you don't want to see checking make sure you get out there and apply an oil based stain as soon as you can, and keep up with the staining every two years. That will seal the moisture into the wood, which should prevent checking from happening.*