

EXACT FENCE INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS CLOSED TOP PICKET FENCE

Before you start, it's important to ensure the following:

- Understanding of local codes, e.g. allowable fence height, frontage locations, permits requirements, etc.
- Utility underground locations have been identified before digging begins.
- You are certain of your legally established property (boundary) lines.

PREPARE FENCE LAYOUT

IMPORTANT – Read this instruction sheet completely before beginning work.

General Information

- Standard fencing is designed for level ground and approximately ten degree of slope. If your terrain has significant slope, it will be necessary to modify the fence system. This can be done in the field by enlarging the holes in the post with a coarse file. It may become necessary to reduce the spacing between the posts to be sure the rails are long enough in steep terrain.
- If cutting the PVC becomes necessary, use a fine-toothed blade.
- Posthole depth and hole diameter will be determined by local weather and soil conditions. Typical posthole diameter is 8 inches and depth is 24 inches. (If you believe your local soil or weather conditions will require special fencing material. Extra long posts and post stiffeners are available to help with those requirements.)

Gate stiffeners must be placed in the post that will support the hinges for the gate before concrete is Placed around the post! SEE GATE SECTION

LAYOUT FOR CLOSED TOP PICKET FENCING

Layout is important and proper placement of the posts is the key to easy installation.

We offer a fence system that provides the following to allow the fence to be snapped together once the posts are set.

- Routed post, pre-cut and notched rails and pickets
- Gates Kits with powder coated stainless steel hardware.
- Picket fencing places the posts on 96 – inch centers.
- This will allow you to take advantage of the Fencing System.

Step 1

- Picket is 96 inches from center of post to center of the next post.
- Once boundary lines are identified, drive stakes into the ground within property line and stretch a string between stakes. Extend the string beyond the property line approximately 24 inches.

Step 2

Use stakes to mark the locations for each corner post, end post and gatepost.

- Remember for gates, the spacing between posts is important.
- The gate installation will be much easier. If you make sure the distance between your gateposts are correct. SEE GATE SECTION.

Install Posts

Step 1

- Install 4 x 4 posts on 96-inch centers
- Dig 8-inch diameter holes.
- Dig the holes for all end posts, corner posts and gateposts.

Step 2

- Position the proper post in each posthole (end, corner and gate).

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- Center the post in the hole and make sure it is square with the fence line and the holes in the post for the rails are facing the proper direction.
- Level the post using a carpenter's level, check two adjacent sides and make sure it is plumb.
- The fence height will need to be set now.
- The system is designed to have 2 inches between the ground and the bottom of the bottom rail.

Step 3

- Pour concrete around the post.
- Tamp concrete to eliminate air pocket.
- Fill to 2 inches below ground level, or fill to ground level to eliminate trimming grass around post.

Step 4

- Recheck level, square and height of post.
- Allow the concrete to completely dry.

Locating Line Posts

Step 1

- When the concrete has hardened in the corner, end and gateposts, stretch a string tightly across the top of the posts and stake both ends. This will give the desired height for the fence.

Step 2

- Picket Fencing – stake out the position of the posts 96 inches from center of the post to center of the next post.

Step 3

- Dig all line postholes.

Setting Line Post

Step 1

- Start at an end, corner or gatepost.
- Slide the aluminum reinforcement into the bottom rail.
- Place one end of bottom rail in bottom hole of post then slide into bottom hole in adjacent post.
- The routed holes need to face upwards.
- Place the next line post in the hole and slide the rail into the bottom hole.
- Continue this process down the fence line, placing the next post in the hole and insert the reinforced bottom rail in the post.

Step 2

- Fill the posthole with concrete and tamp in concrete.
- Check the correct post height, level and square to the fence line.
- Block and support the post to keep them stable as the installation continues (stake and string if needed).
- Repeat these steps until the posts are set with bottom reinforced rails installed.

Install Pickets & Top Rail

Step 1

- Install notched pickets into the bottom rail.
- Place one end of the top rail into the top hole in the post.
- Push each picket up into the top rail.
- Side the other end of the top rail into the adjacent post.
- Continue until all pickets and top rails are installed.
- Once pickets are straight, glue scrap PVC tabs on the top rail inside of the post. Do this on both sides right next to the posts. The bottom rail will need PVC tabs on the underside of the rails. Do this on both sides right next to the posts to keep the rail from shifting.(this will keep the pickets aligned)

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Install Post Caps

Step 1

- Apply a small amount of PVC glue to the inside of the cap and slide over the top of the post.
- Press firmly to be sure the cap is down as far as it will go and looks even.

Clean Up

- Clean the fencing material as necessary with a non-abrasive (or slightly abrasive) mild biodegradable soap and soft plastic scouring pad. Rinse thoroughly with clean water to remove dirt and soap.