

Thinking About Buying a New Fence? Fence Outlet Says Determine Its Purpose First

Fence Outlet, Central Florida's fencing expert, offers homeowners useful tips for picking the right fence by determining the fence's primary purpose.

ORLANDO, FL, USA, February 2, 2015 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Fences serve many purposes, from safety and security to blocking an unsightly view. When looking to buy and install a fence, Rajul Patel, president and founder of [Fence Outlet](#), Central Florida's fencing experts, strongly suggests homeowners first determine the fence's number one purpose, as this will impact the product selected, style and costs.

Before purchasing a new fence make sure to consider the following:

1. **PRIVACY** – For optimal privacy, choose a fence with little to no spacing. Also, consider your lifestyle; for example, you can incorporate bushes or climbing plants to your fence to add more privacy while you're outdoors. Also, to determine the right fence height, consider the layout and structure of your backyard as compared to your neighbor's.
2. **HOME PROTECTION** – When your utmost goal is security, the important features to consider are height, sturdiness and the gate lock. Minimum height for security is 8 feet and fencing with flush boards offers more protection from intruders.
3. **PET SAFETY/SECURITY** – First identify the nature and behavior of your dog. For example, is your dog a digger? Or a jumper? For smaller dogs a 4-foot fence will suffice, but larger dogs will require a 6- to 8-foot fence.
4. **KEEPING OUT WILDLIFE** – If you live near a wooded area or greenbelt, Florida wildlife can be a nuisance. Normal fencing will not keep larger animals like deer out of your garden. Since deer can jump a 7-foot fence, a high, solid fence is optimal. The privacy will block deer from viewing what is in your yard. Another option is to add poles and attach netting to make a taller fence, but still maintain an "open" feel to your yard.
5. **POOL PROTECTION** – For liability and safety reasons, it is crucial to surround your pool area with a security fence. Drowning is the second leading cause of death for children ages 1 to 14 years, so building codes have required fences around swimming pools for many years. A four-sided pool fence with self-closing and self-latching gates is almost universally recommended as

the best way to prevent children from gaining access to a pool.

6. BLOCKING AN UNSIGHTLY VIEW – Some homeowners want a fence to block an unwanted view. The right fence can create a peaceful backyard or front yard, even if you live on a busy street. Depending on how much privacy you'd like, you can choose fences with spaces to bring in light or a smaller fence with higher plants to help block noise.

The materials selected depend on visual preference, purpose and budget. Wood provides privacy and protection, but requires regular maintenance. A lower-maintenance option like vinyl is sturdy and long-lasting and just as secure as wood. Despite being more costly, some homeowners want to rely on the strength, security and durability of steel, while ornamental aluminum is very popular because it imparts a secure, "estate look." Finally, chain link needs little upkeep and is an affordable option for corralling pets, but is more lightweight than steel or wood.

In conclusion, homeowners need to do their due diligence in advance of buying and installing a new fence. With showrooms in Orlando, Oviedo and Tampa offering [wood, vinyl, steel and chain link](#) fence products, Fence Outlet has the inventory and expertise to meet most needs. "Our team will help you determine what type of fence to select based on your goals and handle the [installation](#)," said Patel. "Then, you can turn the entire project over to us and know that you made a sound decision."

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