

HOW TO PROPERLY MAINTAIN A WROUGHT IRON FENCE FOR LONG-LASTING RESULTS



For homeowners seeking to seamlessly enhance the appearance of their home while also increasing its security, installing a wrought iron fence is one of the greater options. With the proper maintenance routines practiced, wrought iron fences can be a long-lasting, durable addition to any yard.

Here are a few care tips for wrought iron fences that will help protect your fence from long-term damage and persists as an attractive home feature:

Take Time to Inspect – At least once a year, take the time to conduct a thorough inspection of your wrought iron fence. During this inspection, address small blemishes, cracks, and other forms of damage to avoid costly repairs in the future.

Clean Regularly – When you notice your wrought fence piling dirt and dust, clean it with warm, soapy water, give it a rinse, and allow it to air-dry.

Repair Rust – Some rust spots can be scrubbed away before they have the chance to penetrate—use a toothbrush or other small brushes to reach into the deep crevasses. If the rust cannot be cleaned, remove the rust with sandpaper or a wire brush to scrub off the rust.

Protect— Keeping bushes and vines away from your wrought iron fence can prevent the fence from the exposure of moisture and small scratches. Adding a coat of wax to your fence, or painting it with a rust inhibiting paint, can also protect your fence against rust.



Whether you're looking for a new fence or considering replacing your current structure, Texas Fence & Iron Co. has the experience and skill equipped to get the job done on time and on budget. At Texas Fence & Iron, our hard-working team designs, creates, and installs customized wrought iron fences for clients—allowing them to cohesively feel more secure and transform the look of their home.

Rust Prevention

For the most part, wrought iron really only requires minimal care. The main issue for these stately looking fences is rust. To prevent rust, remove any plants that are growing up on the fencing because plants can encourage damp spots, which can eventually become rust. If you have tall wet vegetation, you will want to keep it from contacting your fence.

Treating Rust Spots

Pay close attention to any small spots of rust. If you catch rust spots, early treatment is key to keeping your [wrought iron fence](#) in good condition. Any rust spots, regardless of how small, should be treated to prevent the rust from spreading. Here's how:

- First, you should use a wire brush to remove the surface rust. Opt for a thin wire brush instead of a brush with corded wires.
- After the rust has been brushed away, you will need to use a nonionic detergent to wash the area and rinse it carefully.
- Spread rust converter on the affected area. Some rust converters are also primers. If primer is not part of the converter you choose, apply some primer and then repaint your fence.

A word of caution. Be sure to choose products that are safe for use on metal. Some products can actually cause damage to your [wrought iron fence](#).

Clean Your Wrought Iron

Proper maintenance for your wrought iron fence also includes occasional cleanings with a basic soapy water solution. Cleaning can be done by hand or a sprayer can be used. If you choose to use a sprayer, be sure to use only a low-pressure setting. After the fence is clean and dry, you should apply a metal-grade wax to protect your paint or powder coating.

Hardware Maintenance

All of your fence hardware should be checked when you clean your fence. Your fence hinges should be oiled. Your fasteners and finials should also be checked to ensure that they are in good condition. Keeping your hardware in good condition is important because water can be trapped under loose or broken hardware and rust your wrought iron.

If you love the look of wrought iron and want to help your home stand out from all the rest in your neighborhood, contact us at A Straight Up Fence Company in Denver. We can design, fabricate and install a fence you'll love – we'll even advise you on the proper maintenance for your wrought iron fence so it lasts and looks great for years to come.

FOR IRON FENCE CARE AND MAINTENANCE

The beauty of an iron fence may be hard to match, but it's not too difficult to maintain. With proper iron fence care and maintenance, your iron fence will last for many years to come. This week, we'll talk about some tips for keeping your iron fence in the best possible shape. What should you do about rust? Should you wash your iron fence? What's the best way to paint an iron fence? The answers are below!

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Watch out for vegetation.

Ivy or other plant life on an iron fence may look nice, but over time this weakens the fence and could damage it. Cut back vegetation from the fence to prevent this from happening. Also, don't use sprinklers near the fence, to prevent water from remaining on the fence for long periods of time, which could lead to rust.

Inspect your fence.

Look for missing caps on posts that need to be replaced, or rust spots or flaking paint that needs to be touched up. The sooner you find these things, the more easily they can be fixed.

Should I Wash My Iron Fence?

You might think that a little rain is enough to keep your iron fence clean, but really there's no substitute for a good washing. Pour a small amount of dish detergent in a gallon of warm water and use a clean rag or sponge to wash the fence. You can also use a spray bottle to get this mixture into crevices you can't reach with a rag. Once you've finished the wash, dry the fence with a towel, and apply wax. This helps repel water and protects the paint. When drying the fence, take extra care to dry off places like latches, where water can get trapped and accelerate the oxidation process.

What to do about paint problems.

If the paint on your iron fence is flaking or bubbling in an area, use a wire brush to clean it off. Sand down to the metal, fill in holes with a metal filler, and give the area a good cleaning. Now apply a rust-resistant primer, and repaint with several coats of rust-resistant paint, using a small brush or spray. Check out our blog on [painting an iron fence](#) for more information.

How to fix rust spots.

Rust spots are something no homeowner wants to see on their iron fence. Read our blog on [removing rust](#) from iron fencing and railings to take care of rust spots. And for more information on iron fence maintenance and care, contact Hercules Custom Iron!