



## RED CEDAR SPLIT RAIL FENCING

🌲 Natural beauty

🌲 Long life

🌲 Easy to install

🌲 Maintenance free

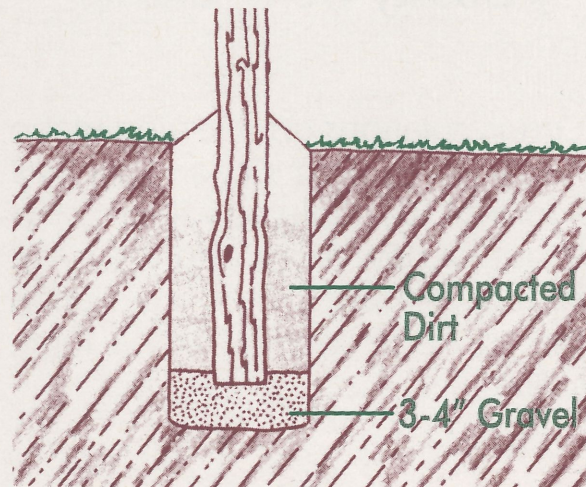
🌲 Quality workmanship

Congratulations on selecting Idaho Cedar Sales' Red Cedar Split Rail Fencing! We think you will love your beautiful new fence and will want to follow these simple installation tips to insure that it lasts a long, long time.

**Red Cedar** (*Thuja plicata*) naturally contains its own preservative oils in the wood cells which make it highly resistant to rot, insects, fungus and the effects of moisture. There is no need to apply chemical preservatives since Red Cedar can outlast other treated woods naturally.

**Installing your new fence is easy.** All you need is a hatchet, saw, post hole digger (a post hole digger is someone you hire to dig post holes), about 8 to 10 pounds (one big shovel full) of fine gravel per post, a short 2 x 4 for tamping dirt, and plenty of liquid refreshment.

**Be sure to call your local dig line** or phone and utilities companies two or three days before you plan to dig the holes. They'll send someone out to mark where lines and pipes are buried so you don't accidentally electrocute yourself — or worse, get a repair bill from the phone company.



**Holes should be dug** 10' apart from center to center or 8' apart if you have 8' rails. The 6'6" and 5'4" posts can be set 30" into the ground which will leave the same spacing between the ground and the bottom rail as there will be between the rails themselves. The minimum recommended depth for these posts is 24". The shorter 4' posts should be set 16" deep.

It's best to dig the holes three to four inches deeper than you plan to set the posts to make room for some gravel for drainage.

**The best way to set posts** is to put the gravel in the hole first, then line up the post in the hole and back fill the dirt in around the post, tamping firmly with the 2 x 4 as you fill. Overfill the hole a bit so that you can slope the dirt down away from the post for proper drainage.

Once the first post is tamped in place, insert the rails, trimming the ends as needed with the hatchet. Set the next post in its hole, lean it into the rails and tamp it in place.

If you need a shorter section anywhere in the fence, be sure to cut the rails long enough to leave room to make tenons on the cut ends, so they'll fit into the rail holes.

After all the posts and rails are in place, stand back and admire your work! Next, go get a tall glass of that liquid refreshment and climb into the porch swing . . .

**Now sit back for a couple of decades** or more and enjoy your fence. There's no painting, staining, preservatives application or other maintenance work to do. Over time the sun's rays will transform the cedar color to a soft driftwood grey, further enhancing the rustic charm and natural beauty of your Red Cedar Split Rail Fence.



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