

# HOW TO REPLACE FENCE A PANEL OR POST



If your post or panel is rotten, you may need to replace it completely. Fence panels come in a standard size, so you shouldn't find it difficult to find one that fits.

### Top tip – Wood preservative

A coat of preservative will dramatically extend the life of your fence or gate, as most treatments protect against wood rot for several years. As the wood needs to be completely dry, the best time to apply it is in late summer after a dry period. Paint it on with a block paintbrush or use a garden pressure spray – making sure to wear protective gloves (and safety goggles and a mask too, if you're spraying).

## Steps to follow:

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### Step 1.

Lever back the side frame of the panel with a nail bar to expose the nails joining it to the post.

### Step 2.

Saw through the old nails with a hacksaw. You can either hammer in any nails that are sticking out or put them out with pincers. If you're removing a panel, do the same at the opposite end.

### Step 3.

To take out a post, detach the panels on either side and pull them away from it. Dig out the base of the post and remove any concrete. If this proves to be too difficult, cut a notch in the old post and lever it out with a long bar.

After you've made certain that your new post is the same size as the original one, put it into the hole. Support the fence with timber props whilst you re-nail the panels either side (see step 2). Then check the post is vertical with a spirit level and concrete it in place – making sure to slope the surface of the concrete away from the post so that it drains off rainwater. You will need to leave the props in place for 48 hours while it sets.