

From Chapter 4 of the Design Guidelines

*5.c. Fence Maintenance and Repair:*

As our fences age along with our homes, a very inconsistent appearance has emerged throughout the community. **Therefore, HARC is enacting new fence stain guidelines to ensure a more cohesive and attractive look.**

**HARC will only approve two options of fence stains and paint.**

**1. Natural Transparent:**



Natural

For residences whose fences are natural wood and have never been stained, HARC approves Cabot Natural transparent stain or its equivalent for maintaining the fence. If a resident is constructing a brand-new fence, there is the option to retain the natural wood appearance or stain it Mission Brown as mentioned below.

**2. Cabot Mission Brown Semi-solid / Solid:**



Mission Brown

For all fences that have previously been stained or painted, HARC only approves Cabot Mission Brown or its equivalent in semi-solid or solid stains or paint. HARC concludes that this shade covers the existing stains the best and reduces the variations in colors.

3. *The use of any other shade will be subject to a notice of violation and subsequent fines.*

**The updated fence stain guidelines go into effect October 15, 2025.**

**Additional Guidelines:**

- a. Power wash the fence to remove all dirt, cobwebs, and old stain. You might want to power wash before you choose a color or type.
- b. Contact your immediate neighbors to see if they also are considering staining. Ideally, the section of the fence facing the street should match.
- c. All wood fences on your property should have the same color.
- d. All wrought iron fences **MUST** be painted black.