

Home Doctor



The Home Doctor Will See You Now

(NAPSA)—The Home Doctor offers answers to all your building questions.

Q. I'm in the market for a new wrought iron fence for my house; however, I don't want the maintenance that comes with it. Can you recommend alternative products that will help me achieve the traditional look of ornamental fencing?

A. I agree. Wrought iron fencing is beautiful, but the required maintenance keeps many homeowners from purchasing it. Fortunately, advancements in building materials are changing all that.

In particular, I'm thinking of an ornamental fence by Certain-Teed Corporation called Bufftech™ Prestige™. It's a composite fence made of a blend of polypropylene plastic and fiberglass, which helps protect its matte black color from fading and captures the estate-style look you are seeking. You may also want to explore aluminum ornamental options; however, I prefer composite fencing over aluminum counterparts because composites are stronger and more durable.

When shopping for a low-maintenance fence, work with a reputable fence dealer and be sure to



ask the right questions before purchasing. First, ask about which brands have proven to be the most reliable and come with solid warranties. Next, check for durability. After all, you want a fence that lasts as well as looks good. And, if you plan to use the fence as a pool surround, be sure it meets applicable pool safety codes. Finally, ask for testimonials. Speaking to another homeowner who has worked with your fence dealer and has had your chosen fence installed will help ensure your choice is the right one.

For more information on easy-care fencing systems or Bufftech Prestige, visit www.certainteed.com or call (800) 782-8777.