

## Wrought Iron Fence Painting

As your fence fades or becomes damaged over time, you may want to re-paint your fence. Constant exposure to the elements can do quite a bit of damage to the iron surface. Applying a fresh coat of paint, as needed, will decrease the appearance of rust. Paint creates a barrier between the iron and the air, minimizing oxidation and reducing the likelihood that rust will develop. In addition, a fresh coat of paint can make your fences and gates even more attractive and adds value to your house. Here are the steps in **wrought iron fence painting** we take:

- We scrub the fence gently with a wire brush to remove all traces of rust.
- We sand the wrought iron surface using medium-grit sandpaper. This will remove any chipped or peeling paint and will provide a rough surface for the paint to adhere to.
- We wipe down the wrought iron with a clean, dry rag.
- We cover items in the surrounding area with a plastic or drop cloth to protect them from the primer and paint. We take special care to protect steps, windows and plants. We dampen the greenery in flower beds or landscape gardens with a light mist of water before covering them.
- We apply a rust-inhibitive primer to the entire wrought iron surface.
- We allow the primer to dry fully per the manufacturer's instructions. Typically, most direct-to-metal primers will require 1 to 2 hours of curing time.
- Finally, we apply an exterior rust-inhibitive enamel paint over the fully cured primer. The paint will come in either liquid or aerosol form, so we choose the type that is appropriate for your project.



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