

# Homeowner's Guide to Fence Repairs in Snohomish & King County

A homeowner checklist for Fence Repairs

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## Initial Walkthrough & Assessment

- Walk the entire perimeter of your fence line.
- Note any sections that are visibly leaning or sagging.
- Photograph the fence from multiple angles to document its current condition.
- Operate every gate to check for sticking, dragging, or latching issues.

## Fence Post Evaluation

- Firmly push on the top of each fence post.
- Mark any post that moves or feels wobbly at the base.
- Look for cracks, splintering, or signs of rot at the ground level of each post.
- If safe, probe any suspect dark or soft wood with a screwdriver to check for rot.
- Check any visible concrete footings for cracks or crumbling.

## Panel, Picket, and Gate Check

- Look for loose, cracked, or missing pickets/boards.
- Inspect the horizontal rails for rot or separation from the posts.
- Check gate hinges for loose screws or bent metal.
- Verify the gate latch aligns correctly and securely closes.
- Note any wood that is covered in heavy moss or appears constantly wet.

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