

Your Ultimate Chain Link Fence Guide

Let Central Fence show you why a chain link fence is best, and how to care for it once you have it installed.

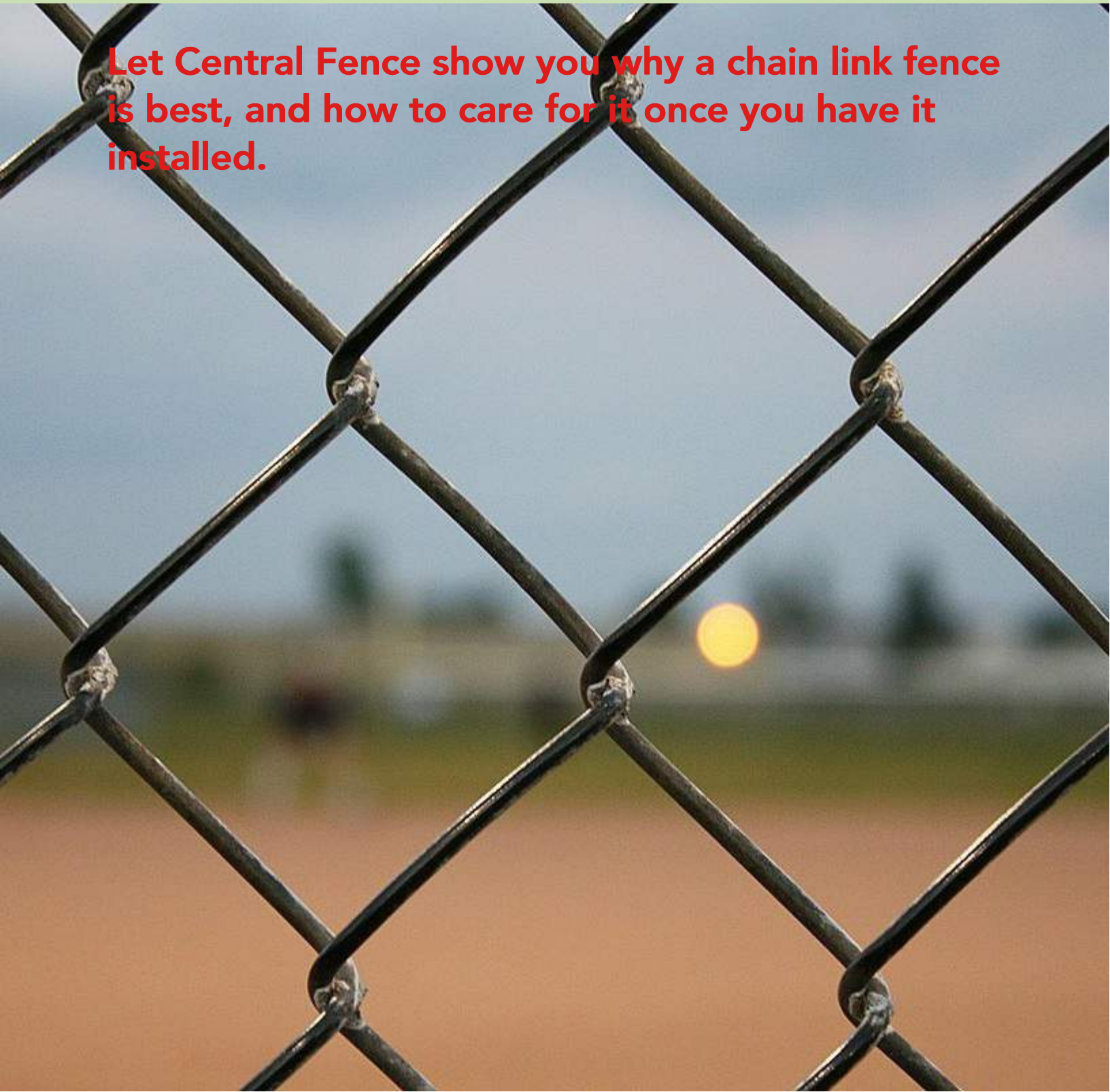


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Introduction

Central Fence has been helping Southern Georgia homeowners make the most out of their backyards for decades. Around Vidalia, Swainsboro, Statesboro, and the rest of the area, Central Fence can get your fence ordered and installed quickly.

Often we find after asking questions and discussing the homeowner's specific needs, a chain link fence is clearly the best fit.



Why Choose Chain Link Fencing?

Traditional galvanized chain link fencing has been a great standard option for decades, but newer technologies using coated chain links offer even greater benefits than the older style. Here are several prime reasons to choose chain link fencing material:

Resists Rust

The process and materials used to coat chain link fencing ensures it will resist rust and corrosion while in even the most humid environments. The coating is fused to the inherently sturdy galvanized material, further increasing durability and adding a layer of protection to the fence.

Because it is resistant to unattractive and damaging corrosion, a coated fence will remain aesthetically pleasing for years. Also, it is almost completely maintenance-free.

Safe

The coating process covers any potentially sharp edges, so a coated chain link fence is an especially safe choice for a home. Kids and pets are not likely to harm themselves around it. Some dog breeders actually choose to place their puppies in kennels that have a sturdy coated chain link fence because of this safety benefit.

Versatile

Chain link provides many options for a range of landscapes and installations. Options include availability in multiple colors, different mesh sizes, and various wire gauges. Such versatility lends coated chain link fencing to be a successful choice to fulfill any number of needs.

Increases Curb Appeal

Coated chain link fencing blends well with landscaping. Availability in white, black, brown, or green allows customers to choose a color that matches the terrain. The result is a seamless transition between yard and street, which helps ensure that the fence doesn't overshadow plantings and landscape features.

This ability to blend in can increase a home's curb appeal and value, which is important when it is time to sell. Home buyers may be influenced by external features, like fencing, because they know it to be durable and low-maintenance.



3 Ways to Make your Chain Link Fence Unique

A fence is extremely practical. But often, the industrial look of a chain link fence makes homeowners a little weary of putting one up.

Don't worry! A chain link fence doesn't have to look bland. Here's just a few fun ideas to keep your fence in line with your home's decor and express your personality. Try a few of these:

Hang Flower Baskets

Hanging baskets of beautiful flowers along your fence will immediately take it from basic to cheery. The exact potted plants are up to you, but try to choose something that will provide color to your yard for as long throughout the year as possible.

Paint It

Who says a chain link fence has to be silver? A fresh coat of paint can totally revitalize what used to just be a divider. The most obvious paint choices would be white or black, whichever matches your house's exterior, but don't stop there. You could also surround your garden in deep green or go totally funky with bright blue.

Weave Plastic Ribbon

Plastic ribbon can be woven into a fence in multiple ways. If you have the time and you're especially creative, try your hand at making an intricate design with several colors. You could choose a local sports team to celebrate or simply your favorite hues. You could also take it further and weave plastic throughout the entire fence to make your backyard more private.

Maintaining Your Chain Link Fence

Although chain link fences are made to be fairly maintenance free, there are some things to do from both a maintenance and aesthetic standpoint to keep it looking good year after year. This applies to uncoated fences since coated fences will only need a brushing and a cleaning as regular maintenance.

Hose it Off Regularly

Dirt, dust, and bits of plant fiber, especially if you're regularly cutting or trimming around your fence, may get stuck on the links or posts and trap water particles. Trapped water will eventually cause your fence to rust, which is not only unsightly but can lead to bigger problems over the years. So hose it off regularly, particularly after doing lawn work, to remove any bits of grass or weed clippings.

Steel Wool for Rust Spots

Most rust on a chain link fence will be merely surface rust, which can begin to look ugly and unattractive. Some steel wool and elbow grease will take care of most surface rust problems, but you can also dab on a little rust removing solution to help in the removal if need be.

Mold and Mildew

In high humidity areas or places where the fence is commonly exposed to standing water or wet foliage, mold and/or mildew may begin to form. Straight vinegar, or an environmentally safe mold and mildew removing chemical (which can be found at home improvement or hardware stores,) is a great cleaning agent.

Cleaning Your Chain Link Fence

Once you have made the investment in a high quality chain link fence, you hope it will last years beyond its projected lifespan. You know your investment will be worth it but there is a little bit of maintenance that needs to happen every so often to keep it looking nice and clean and lasting for years to come.

First off, you'll want to keep vines and climbing plants off your fence. Unless you've intentionally planted flowering plants to climb your fence, and know the fence can support their weight, trim back any vines or plants that get caught.

The next thing you'll notice is that over time, your fence can get a little smudgy. Birds perch on the fence and leave their traces, cars drive by and splash mud, and a host of other things conspire to dirty your fence. For a gentle and environmentally friendly, yet thorough cleaner, mix cleaner or bleach with water and load this in a pressure washer or just take a scrub brush to the fence. Allow the solution to set on the fence ten minutes before rinsing with a hose to make sure it's clean as a whistle!

Vinyl-coated and galvanized fences don't start to rust until after decades of faithful use so these are the best choice when you're looking for a sturdy, long lasting fence. If your fence is older, it may rust in patches. To remove rust rub the patches with fine steel-wool. You may need a rust remover treatment, as well. After treating rust, rub gently with a cloth damp with mineral spirits, and let dry to avoid any further damage.

Loving your fence has never been so easy and cleaning it can be a simple task if you keep it up. With just a little bit of effort, you can maintain a clean and tidy fence for years to come.

Get Your Fence Today

Are you ready to be able to enjoy your backyard? You need a fence! Reach out to Central Fence today and let's get started. If you already have a fence and need it repaired or replaced, we can handle that too.

Contact Central Fence

