



## FENCE CARE & RECOMMENDED MAINTENANCE

Purrfect Fence products are designed with minimal maintenance in mind. Materials and manufacturing processes are selected for their durability and performance outdoors to limit the time and effort needed to keep them in working order. However, there are a few things you can do to help increase the longevity of your Purrfect Fence!

### WALK THE PERIMETER OF YOUR FENCE

We recommend taking a walk around the perimeter of your fence once or twice a year. While this can be done at any time in the year, spring and/or fall can be a great time to inspect the fence at either end of winter. As you walk the perimeter, inspect the mesh for any gaps or holes that may have formed. Replace mesh or patch and secure any gaps or holes you find. As you walk, you may even give the mesh a gentle tug to ensure all zip ties are still secure. Replace or add any zip ties as needed.

Don't forget to check overhead for any branches that might have the potential to fall with heavy ice, snow, or winds. Be sure to remove any that might fall on your fence!

### LUBRICATE SPRING JOINTS

If desired, you can also check each spring-loaded arm and lubricate the spring with a lanolin-based lubricant/corrosion inhibitor if needed (such as **LanoCote**). This is particularly recommended in coastal areas where you may receive heavy sea spray or experience salt air.

### RUST PREVENTION

Every metal component of your fence was designed and manufactured specifically for use outdoors. In order to prolong the life of all metal components, they are all made of galvanized or stainless steel. Many of the components are also powder-coated black for an additional layer of weather protection.

However, over time, surface rust may appear in some locations. If you notice any rust forming it is recommended to sand or file as much of the rust away as possible then reseal the area with a black rust inhibitor spray.

One area to check regularly with the Freestanding Fence System is at the base of your posts. These areas are most vulnerable to animal urine (cats, dogs, or wild animals may all be culprits!) which is highly corrosive, and over time can allow rust to form and cause a post to fail prematurely. If you notice any posts that are showing signs of corrosion at the base, we recommend replacing the post.

### REMOVE DEBRIS (LEAVES, STICKS, ETC.)

If you live in a region that experiences heavy snowfall, be sure to clear any leaves that may have gotten caught in the mesh (particularly for Existing Fence Conversion Systems) to prevent snow build-up through the winter. If you do not have access to the backside of your fence to complete this, then you may wait until the leaves dry out and use a leaf blower or you can bend down the tip of the arm in front of the fence in order to reach the leaves caught in the back. A helper can be useful for this option!

### BE MINDFUL OF SNOWFALL

The poly mesh grid generally allows most snow to easily pass through the fence without issue. However, in rare instances where the snow is heavy, "wet", and falling quickly it may begin to accumulate on the fence. If you notice any accumulation on the Purrfect Fence, it is recommended to tap the fence every 5-10 feet so that the snow falls through the mesh or to brush it off to prevent damage to the fence.