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Question	Answer
I am looking for Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) certified redwood fencing, is it available?	Yes, the Mendocino® brand of redwood fencing is available certified to FSC standards. You may search for FSC certified Mendocino redwood fencing on HomeDepot.com. In store, FSC certified redwood fencing is identifiable by looking at the barcode labels stapled to the wood. If the barcode carries the FSC trademarked, tree logo, the wood is FSC certified. FSC certified wood may also be special ordered through the Pro Contractor Desk at your local The Home Depot store.
Should I take legal considerations into account when planning to build a fence?	Yes, it's a good practice to check out the legal considerations associated with building any fence, because local codes and ordinances can vary from one community to the next. Most communities have height restrictions on boundary or division fencing. There also may be certain laws and codes that actually require you to erect a fence, for instance, around a swimming pool or open well.
Is there a difference between redwood heartwood and sapwood?	Yes, reddish-brown heartwood from the inner portion of a redwood tree contains extractives that render it resistant to insects and decay. The cream-colored sapwood that develops in the outer growth layer of a redwood tree does not possess heartwood's resistance to decay and insects. As a rule of thumb, all heartwood grades of redwood will have the word "Heart" in the grade name, such as Construction Heart.
Are there recommended fasteners to use when building a redwood fence?	Yes, the rule of thumb for fasteners when building a redwood fence is to only use ones that are non-corrosive. The best options are stainless steel, aluminum, or top-quality, hot-dipped galvanized fasteners. Lower quality fasteners may cause unsightly stains on your new redwood fence, deck, or garden structure. The reason is because these types of fasteners will react with redwood's natural, decay resisting extractives, possibly causing stains.
Do you need special wood working tools to build a redwood fence?	No, redwood is lightweight, yet surprisingly strong and durable. Simple woodworking tools such as a saw, drill, hammer, and high-quality fasteners are typically all you need to build a long-lasting redwood fence.
Can I leave my redwood fence unfinished?	Yes, redwood can be left to weather naturally. Over time it will turn a silver/gray color.
Does redwood fencing accept paints and stains?	Yes, redwood fence boards, posts, and rails take paints and stains extremely well. Your local The Home Depot store will have many great finishing options to choose from.
Do you recommend a finish containing UV protection?	Yes, water-repellant finishes with UV protection and a mildewcide offer the most protection. Tinted and non-tinted options are widely available. Your local The Home Depot store will have many great finishing options to choose from.
Do you recommend regular maintenance on your redwood fence?	Yes, completing regular maintenance, such as hosing away dirt and debris, will go a long way to keeping your redwood fence looking great.