

Wood Stains Update

In checking which wooden fence stains are best and last the longest, it was stated that **the lighter the stain, the shorter the lifespan** and the more need to be re-stained more often. The sun will burn it off faster.

The more pigments in the stain, the longer it lasts. Some minor changes to the list of stains have been made since some names have been changed by the manufacturer. Additional options for three natural stains have been added.

Olympic Elite Mariner's stain and sealant can be found at Home Depot. The picture (Choose Your Look) below, on the left, offers a view of the stains from lightest to darkest and, hopefully, will assist you in determining which type of stain best fits your needs.

On the right are samples of the approved stains – Mountain Cedar, Mahogany, Kona Brown and three natural tones: 716 (Cedar), 717 (Redwood), and 718 (Fir/Pine).

