

AVERAGE LENGTH OF LIFE OF FENCE POSTS*

Kind of Wood	Average Years of Service	
	Untreated (Natural)	Pressure Preservative (PAT)
Ash	6	25
Aspen	3	27
Basswood	4	27
Black Walnut	10	27
Black Locust	30	40
Box Elder	4	27
Bur Oak	12	27
Butternut	6	25
Catalpa	18	28
Cottonwood	3	27
European Larch	8	20
Hard Maple	4	26
Hickory	4	20
Honey Locust	12	30
Osage Orange	45	50
Red Cedar	30	40
Red Elm	7	25
Red Oak	6	20
Red Mulberry	35	45
Soft Maple	4	27
White Cedar	14	30
White Elm	4	25
White Oak	17	30
Willow	4	27
Chestnut	15	--
Pine	11	--
White Oak	11	--
Tamarack	10	--
Cherry	10	--
Hemlock	9	--
Sassafras	9	--

* Treated lumber information preservatives for wood.