Hurricane Fence Urges Storm Season Preparation for Fences and Gates

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Hurricane Fence, a residential and commercial fencing contractor serving the Tidewater region since 1994, is urging Hampton Roads property owners to inspect and repair fences and gates before the Atlantic hurricane season reaches its most active stretch. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration marks the season from June 1 through Nov. 30, and most Atlantic storms have historically formed between mid-August and late October.

The company has the record to back that up: more than 5,000 projects completed from its Portsmouth office, more than 20,000 from its Richmond headquarters, and 3,143 finished company-wide in 2025 alone. Hurricane Fence holds a Class A contractor license, the classification Virginia reserves for firms qualified to handle projects of any size. It also runs an in-house gate operator division that designs and services automated entry systems, and its commercial side has built perimeter fencing for military, government and data center sites across the eastern United States.

Fences rarely fail all at once, according to the company. High winds find the weak spots that were already there: posts loosened at the ground line, pickets held on by corroded fasteners, gate frames dropped out of

alignment, hinges starting to pull away from their posts. Even storms that stay offshore can push damaging gusts across the region, and the salt air corrodes gate hardware faster than inland conditions do.

Before the season peaks, the company recommends that property owners walk their fence line, push on each post to check for movement, and open and close every gate to make sure it swings clear and latches. Automated gates need a closer look, since a motorized operator and its electronics cost far more to replace than to maintain. For fences that need full replacement, Hurricane Fence points customers toward vinyl and aluminum, which stand up to the moisture and salt that break down most wood near the water. Where customers prefer wood, the company limits its coastal installations to cedar because it holds up in salt air.

The office also fields repair and replacement inquiries after major weather events. A live person answers the phone during business hours, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and every inbound lead gets a callback within 24 hours. Estimators come out in person rather than quoting by phone or online, because damage varies widely from one property to the next. The company makes the Miss Utility call to have underground lines marked and pulls any required permits before installation begins. Crews set replacement posts in concrete, 30 to 36 inches down, so the fence keeps its footing when the wind picks up.

"We have taken down a lot of storm-damaged fences over 30 years, and the ones that go over are almost never a surprise," said Mike Kelly, co-owner of Hurricane Fence. "They told on themselves months earlier. The gate dragged, the post moved a little more each season, and it never made the to-do list. An hour in the yard in August beats standing in a repair line in October with the rest of the neighborhood."

Property owners in the area can schedule a free in-person estimate by calling the Portsmouth office at (757) 853-5669. More information about the office and examples of its completed work are available for review on the Portsmouth location Google business Profile.

About Hurricane Fence

Founded in 1994 and headquartered in Richmond, VA, Hurricane Fence provides residential and commercial fence installation, gate operator systems and access control across Virginia, North Carolina and the Washington, D.C. metro area, with offices in Richmond and Portsmouth, VA, Dunn, NC, and Northern Virginia. The company installs vinyl, aluminum, wood and chain link fencing along with automated gate systems designed by an IDEA Certified Automated Gate Systems Designer. Hurricane Fence is a Class A Contractor (CIC FIC & HIC #2705024990), holds an A+ rating from the Better Business Bureau, and is an American Fence Association Blue Ribbon Company. More information about the Hampton Roads location and services are available at https://www.hurricanefenceinc.com/service-areas/virginia-beach/.

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