

## Natural Cedar Fencing

### Northern White Cedar

- Eastern White Cedar, or *Thuja occidentalis*, is also known as Northern White Cedar and arborvitae. Our wood comes from Northern Maine, and extensive footings throughout the Northeast United States and Southeastern Canada, where this durable, naturally rot-and insect-resistant species flourishes.

### Inferior Products Used by Some Fence Companies

- **Pine** - Treated and untreated. Pine is not a dimensional stable board and will warp. Additionally, pine does not have the decay resistance compounds that western red cedar does. Used by other fence companies because of its low cost. The chemical in treated pine, while not being environmentally friendly, has been known to eat through nails within a 3-4 year span, thus creating significant warranty issues.

- **Chinese Cedar/Fir** - not a cedar, probably a fir. Imported from China, just recently into the U.S. in the last 4-5 years. The Chinese attempted to import this product into New Zealand and Australia in the last 20 years. Both times, this product failed the test of time. Also used by other fence companies because of its low cost. Dimensional stability and decay resistance are inferior to western red cedar.

- **Eastern Red Cedar** - is not a true cedar. It is a juniper and the most widely distributed native conifer in the Eastern United States. It is found in every state east of the 100th meridian (i.e. east of central Texas, New Mexico, Colorado and Wyoming). Dimensional stability and decay resistance are inferior to western red cedar.