

# SPECIFICATIONS AND STEPS FOR PAINTING LOP METAL FENCES

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*Fig. 1 – Tubular Metal Fence. Originally installed by Kickerillo subcontractor*

- 1. Purchase Paint and Supplies at Home Depot or any store that carries Rust-Oleum paint products.**
- 2. Remove plants, gravel, dirt or mulch from under the fence panels and from around the columns. Remove 4” of dirt down and around the fence columns.**
- 3. Remove all locks and door handles from metal swing gates.**
- 4. Install a heavy plastic drop sheet beneath the fence. Weight down the plastic with rocks or bricks.**
- 5. Scrap, sand, and wire buff rusted areas. Try to clean metal down to a white metal. Clean the metal around the dirt areas of each fence post.**
- 6. Prime the metal fence with Rust-Oleum #7769 Rusty Metal Primer. Apply paint with brush, roller, or spray can.**

- a. Rolling enables paint to be applied quickly and on the underside of the bottom horizontal fence rail.
- b. Use spray primer in areas where a roller or paint brush is difficult to use.
- c. Take special care to spray the metal interior tubing areas where the lock and handle were removed.



Fig. 2 - Oil Based Metal Primer by Rust-Oleum

7. Prime the same day the fence section that has been sanded, scraped or buffed. Continue process until complete fence is primed.
8. Touch-up any missed areas or gaps with Rust-Oleum primer spray paint.
9. Apply top coat of black glossy protective enamel paint to metal fence. Recommend: Rust-Oleum 7779 Gloss Paint.



10. Use Rust-Oleum 7779 gloss spray paint to touch areas that the roller or brush missed.



11. Spray Rust-Oleum rubberized paintable undercoating at column base 4" below ground level and 4" above ground level. Spray 360 Degrees around the base of fence post column. Apply the rubberized black color undercoating on all fence post columns.



12. Restore lock set hardware to the fence gate.
13. Restore gravel or grass beneath the fence bottom rail. Make sure that there is at least a 2" to 3" gap between the soil and bottom of bottom fence rail. Don't let soil or mulch to touch the fence panel bottom or vertical rails.
14. Note: *Painter used Penetrol in the paint in order to make the paint easier to apply and allows the paint to dry flat.*