



How to Replace a Wooden Gate Latch

Fix your wooden gate by replacing the latch and sanding down the edge to close the gate.

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INTRODUCTION

If your wooden gate is not closing appropriately or latching as it should use this guide to repair your wooden gate. The gate allows you to keep pets from escaping the back yard. If the gate does not function properly it can allow your pets to escape from the back yard and roam. Before using this guide inspect your wooden gate to make sure there is no debris keeping the gate from latching or closing entirely. Step three requires you to use a power saw to remove a portion of the fence. From there you will need to replace the old latch with a new one and sand the sawed edge of the fence to ensure a smooth finish and that the gate closes and latches appropriately. Before beginning make sure everything is out of the way of the gate so that it can be fixed appropriately.

TOOLS:

- [Power Saw](#) (1)
 - [Electric Sander](#) (1)
 - [Power Drill](#) (1)
 - [Ruler](#) (1)
 - [Marker](#) (1)
 - [Level](#) (1)
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Step 1 — Gate Latch



- Using a ruler and a sharpie, draw a line starting at the bottom corner of the gate to the top corner of the gate, to ensure it is parallel with the rest of the gate.

Step 2



- Place a level on the gate to ensure that the gate is properly level.

Step 3



- Starting at the bottom of the gate, place the power saw on the sharpie line and cut along the entirety of the line.

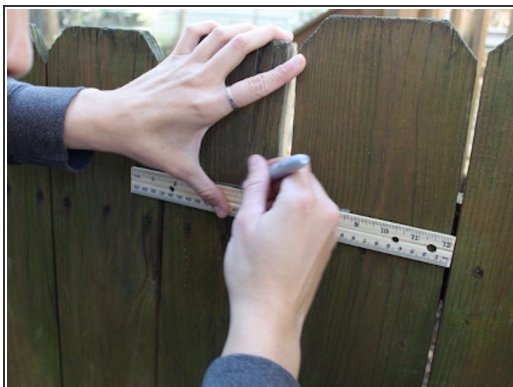
⚠ Do saw from the opposite side of the fence.

Step 4



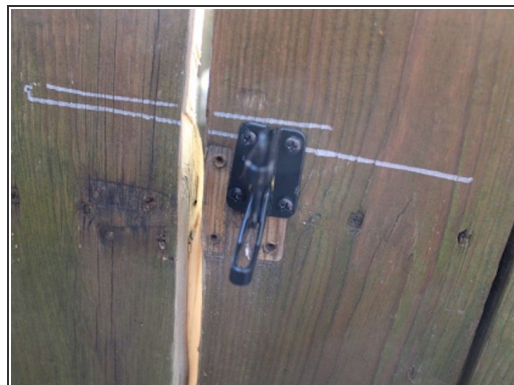
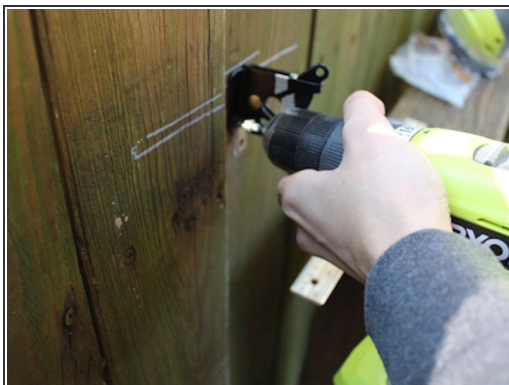
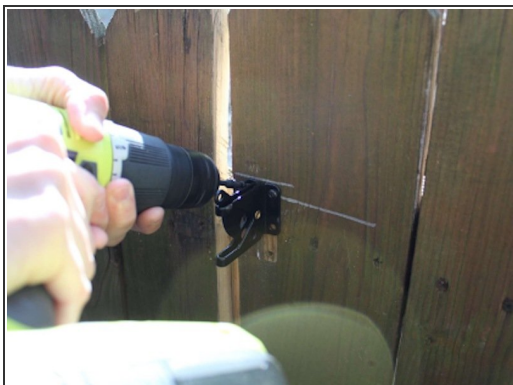
- Using a ruler, measure 6 inches down from the top of the gate and mark that spot using a sharpie.

Step 5



- Using a ruler, measure 6 inches down from the top of the adjacent fence and mark the spot using a sharpie

Step 6



- At the marked location on the gate, attach the latch for the gate using a power drill and screws.

Step 7



- On the adjacent fence at the marked spot attach the second half of the latching mechanism using a power drill and screws.

Step 8



- Sand the edge of the gate that was cut using a power sander until the edge is smooth and fits properly when closing the gate.

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order.