

## Anatomy Terminology

### Gate Frame Components:

**Rail** a horizontal member of the gate framework to which fence boards or pickets can be attached.

**Stile** a vertical member of the gate framework.

**Diagonal Brace** a diagonal member of the gate framework.

**Picket / Fence Board** a vertical gate element that attaches to the rails (decorative not structural).

**Hinge Post** the post to which a gate is mounted using hinges.

**Latch Post** the post on which a latch is mounted.

**Gate Opening** the overall distance between the hinge post and latch post.

**Latch Space** the required spacing between the gate and the latch post to allow for proper latch operation.

**Hinge Space** the required spacing between the gate and the hinge post to allow for proper hinge operation.

## Hardware Terminology

**Hinge** a movable joint on which a gate opens or closes.

**Latch** a fitting that holds a gate in place when closed.

**Gate Stop** a device to stop a gate from opening at a specific point in it's swing path.

**Cane Bolt** also know as a drop rod. A cane bolt is a typical catching component of a double gate.

**Gate Holdback** a fitting used to anchor a gate in the open position.

**Gate Closer** a device used to automatically close a gate.

**Gate Lock** used to secure a gate in the closed position and restrict access.

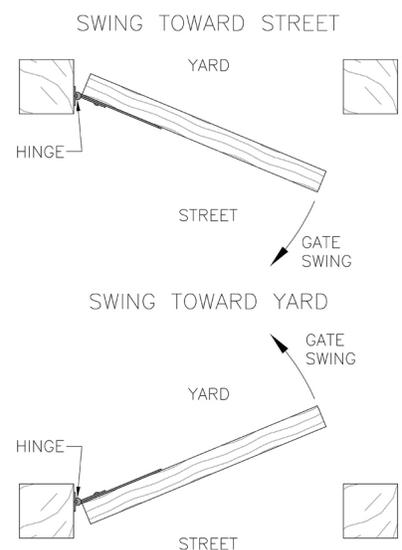
## Function Terminology

**Street-Swing Gate** when you walk up to a gate from the street, you are approaching the attractive, handle portion of the latch, engage the latch and then pull to gate towards you. The actual latching components are located on the back of the gate but the hinges (pivot point) are located on the front or street side of the gate.

**Yard-Swing Gate** when you walk up to a gate from the street, you are approaching the attractive, handle portion of the latch, engage the latch and push the gate into the yard. The actual latching components of the latch and the hinges (pivot point) are located on the back of the gate and cannot be seen from the street.

**Single Gate** one gate leaf mounted between 2 posts (typically for gate opening 8' and smaller).

**Double Gate** 2 gate leaves mounted between 2 posts (typically used for gate opening larger than 8').



# ANATOMY OF A GATE

