

Timber Furniture Care

No maintenance is needed to renew resistance to fungi and termites. Wolmanized® wood has a lifetime limited warranty against these organisms. However, protection is required to help maintain the wood's appearance in the extremes of outdoor weather. Sun and rain cycles cause stresses in timber and can result in some swelling and shrinking and cause small cracks to appear in the wood. Please note that these cracks are not dangerous, as they are surface cracks and very rarely penetrate deeply into the wood. However, they are unsightly, and it is desirable to try to prevent them as much as possible.

- To help protect your furniture against moisture damage, apply an effective brand of water repellent sealer soon after you receive the furniture. Water repellent should be applied every year or two.
- To revitalize a dingy appearance caused by dirt and mildew, use deck brightener to clean the outdoor wood. This will restore the original colour, and then you can apply the water repellent again to help preserve the appearance.

Please Note: We have found a very high-quality water-repellent sealer called **Textrol**, which we highly recommend for your furniture. If you purchase furniture from us, please ask about the sealer and we will be glad to supply this for you. We stock it in one litre, one gallon, and five gallon sizes.

Also, should you require the deck brightener mentioned above, the same company produces a high-quality cleaner called **Net-rol Cleaner** and **Brightener**. We also keep a good supply of this product available for you to purchase as required.

Coating Treated Wood

The questions we are asked most frequently do not involve the processing or longevity of treated wood, but the proper procedures for coating it.

Can I paint or stain treated wood? If so, how long must I wait before applying a coating?

These are good questions and, because of the number of different products available, they do not have simple answers. First of all, **YES**, you can stain or paint Wolmanized wood. Also, you can coat this wood with a water repellent; in fact, we highly recommend it. Many light-colored latex paints can be used successfully, following application of an oil-based primer. Coatings should not be used if their manufacturer advises against a primer. Always follow the manufacturer's directions and take special care in sealing end grain, holes, and other penetrations with the primer.

Typical treated wood

When wood is pressure-treated, it is saturated with a liquid solution of preservative diluted in water.

PAINT

Make sure the wood is completely dry, both on the surface and internally. Otherwise, as the wood dries out, escaping moisture will cause blisters and poor adhesion in the paint. We recommend a six-month waiting period before applying paint (see more below). Once the wood is dry, the procedure for painting treated wood is no different from that for painting untreated wood.

STAIN

Some stains are heavily pigmented and form a film, just as paint does. The recommendations for their application are the same as those for paint. Most stains, however, are more transparent and do not block moisture movement. There are other differences, though. Stains may be oil-based or water-based. Some formulations can be used immediately; others perform best when the wood is allowed to dry for a while. Best advice: follow the stain manufacturer's instructions.