



Care and Maintenance Guide

Cedar shelters or buildings

Our Cedar shelters and buildings are made with top-grade Western Red and Northern White Cedar, durable, superior-quality wood, which possesses natural oils that give it an innate resistance to insects and decay. You can preserve the radiance of the wood, and protect it from the effects of the weather, by applying a water-repellent sealer to your shelter, including the floor and the cedar shake shingles (if applicable). We recommend a Cabot stain and sealer because the Cabot line of products are richly pigmented, deep penetrating linseed oil-based stains that provide long lasting beauty and wood protection.

If you wish to maintain the natural color of the cedar, you may apply the sealer as soon as your shelter is assembled. For a more rustic look, you can wait until it has weathered to a desirable degree, then use a water-repellent clear sealer, that is recommended for use on cedar. Applications should be made every 2 - 4 years. Since these treatments are available under several brand names, you should ask a local lumber dealer or coatings specialist to recommend the right one for your shelter or building.

Pine shelters and gazebos

Our Pressure Treated Pine shelters and gazebos are constructed of top-grade, laminated Southern Yellow Pine, which is kiln-dried before and after treatment, to help to prevent decay and insect damage. To maintain the beauty of the wood, and to minimize warping, cracking, and splitting, we recommend that you also apply a water-repellent sealer to your shelter or gazebo, including the floor and the cedar shake shingles (if applicable). You may also use a tinted sealer on your newly-assembled shelter or gazebo. You can stain/seal your shelter or gazebo right away to preserve its original appearance, or wait until it has weathered naturally to a point that suits you, then use a water-repellent clear sealer, to keep the rustic gray color. Re-apply the sealer every two to four years, according to the recommendations of the manufacturer. These treatments are available under several brand names, so ask a local lumber dealer or coatings specialist to recommend the right one for your gazebo.

If you want to paint your Pressure Treated Pine shelter or gazebo, two coats of acrylic latex exterior paint should yield optimum results. Be sure to read the label on whichever brand you choose, as manufacturers' recommendations may vary, and remember that cold or damp weather and humidity may also affect drying times. You can also use a solid color stain. We advise you not to paint the floor of your gazebo, as this may make it dangerously slippery.

You can clean your Pressure Treated Pine shelter or gazebo with the same products that you use on your porch or deck. A power washer can damage the wood, so please be cautious if you decide to use one.

Follow the paint manufacturer's instructions for cleaning painted Pressure Treated Pine.