



## Care & Maintenance Guide for Cedar Wall Structures

### **Initial Care**

Cedar Forest Products (CFP) uses top-grade, kiln dried, unfinished Northern White Cedar logs for cedar walls. In order to maintain the natural color of the cedar and to aid future cleaning and maintenance, CFP recommends sealing the walls with a high quality product, such as Perma-Chink.

Our suggested product is the Perma-Chink Lifeline Ultra-2 system. This system has a three-step application process. First, make sure the surface is clean and remove any mill glaze so wood is ready to accept the stain/sealer and seal any holes. Then apply 2 coats of the Lifeline Ultra-2 product. It has unparalleled UV protection, flexibility and breathability. The last step of the Perma-Chink system is one coat of Lifeline Advance, a clear top coat. This will protect against mold and mildew, is non-yellowing, and has low VOCs.

### **General Maintenance**

Periodic cleaning of exterior walls is important to prolong the life of the exterior finish system and to maintain the best appearance. High quality products like Lifeline Advance clear topcoat will help reflect sunlight reducing the amount of UV rays that get through the semi-transparent coating to the wood surface. Keep the cedar clean with a periodic washing. The exterior building is easy to wash; we recommend Perma-Chink's Log Wash solution. If the wood underneath the finish begins to darken when washed, it is probably time to refresh your Lifeline Advance topcoat, typically every 3-5 years. For more information about the Perma-Chink system and exterior maintenance please visit Perma-Chink's website at: [www.permachink.com](http://www.permachink.com)