



Application and Care

Port Orford Cedar & Alaskan Yellow Cedar

Installation

Using Fasteners: When nailing or using screws at the extreme end of a board, you may wish to pre-drill to reduce the possibility of splitting. Do not over nail or set screws so deep as to create a hole which could hold water or dirt. We recommend using stainless steel screws or ring shank nails.

Staining & Finishing

Exterior wood decks made of Port Orford Cedar & Alaskan Yellow Cedar can be a beautiful addition to your home, but they require maintenance to look their best. The good news is that it's easy to do and doesn't take much time. Read on to learn how to clean and stain a wood deck.

Do not begin until you have read and understand all manufactures instructions. We recommend that Port Orford Cedar & Alaskan Yellow Cedar be coated with a light colored, premium oil penetrating stain containing UV inhibitors. Do not apply if rain is expected within 48 hours. In certain climates you may have to wait for a different time of year to do this. We recommend doing a small test area on your project to insure your satisfaction with color choice and appearance before proceeding with the entire job.

Clean the deck, and brighten if necessary:

Sweep excess debris (dirt and leaves) off the deck. Clean the deck with a high quality wood cleaner of your choice, then rinse thoroughly with clean water. It may be necessary to use a brightener to remove tannin stains, which are dark discolorations from natural extractives in the wood. Rinse thoroughly after brightening.

Make sure the deck surface is clean, dry and in good condition. You may need to wait a few days for the wood to completely dry depending on weather conditions. Cover plants, grass, concrete, trim, and any other areas you don't want stained.

Apply the deck stain:

Stir product thoroughly. Make sure that all pigment is mixed evenly into the stain. Apply one coat following label directions. Work with the grain. After 30 minutes, remove any excess product puddled or pooled on the surface of the deck. If excess product is not removed, sticky, shiny spots may remain on the surface.

Clean-up:

Following label directions, dispose of rags and other waste including roller covers and brushes in a water filled container. Seal the container and dispose of it properly.

Maintenance:

All exterior surfaces collect dirt, dust and contaminants. It is necessary to clean them periodically to keep them looking good. For periodic maintenance cleaning—we suggest using a deck cleaner at least once a year, or more, depending on your surrounding environment.

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