

Maintenance Recommendations

To preserve the natural wood beauty of your log cabin or home you must maintain it by re-staining the exterior periodically. Though the initial stain application is already completed in the factory, we recommend you add another coat of stain within a year. After that has been completed you shall repeat the process every 2-5 years – depending on its exposure to direct sunlight.

The building must first be cleaned. This is typically done with a pressure washer. The goal is to clean the siding, not to strip the previous stain. Be careful not to wash so closely that it roughs up the wood. After it dries you are ready to apply the stain. Typically this is done with a large brush, or it is sprayed on and then brushed for consistency.

The original stain on your cabin or home is a soy-based product. The particular product we use is custom-mixed for application on bare wood. Re-staining with this product would darken the color considerably. Therefore we recommend you use one of the following products which are available from local retailers:

1. Olympic Maximum
toner or semi-transparent stain
color: Cedar Naturaltone
www.olympic.com
available at: Lowes
2. Sikkens SRD
semi-transparent stain
color: Natural Oak
www.perfectwoodstains.com
available at: Home Depot and paint stores

The colors specified above are similar to the original product on your building. However, the overall color of the siding may darken slightly with each application. If you are unsure of a color, experiment first in a non-conspicuous area.

