

## Proper maintenance for treated Cedar

### Maintenance and care:

Now that you have the Cascadia gazebo you have always dreamed about, you'll be happy to see how easy it is to keep it looking its best for years to come. You will have taken the first step, by purchasing the highest-quality gazebo available. Although, our gazebos have been built to last indefinitely, there is no way to stop the elements (or people) for leaving their mark on it. However, by following our simple maintenance instructions you can greatly control the degree to which they do.

### Ultrawood Gazebos:

Ultrawood is truly a maintenance free product. It will never need to be stained or sealed, it will never mildew, rot, or be a food source or a home for bugs. Clean ultrawood the same as our cedar gazebos

### Cedar Gazebos:

Our cedar gazebos are made with 100% top grade Canadian cedar, a 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 gazebo. We use Cabot stain and sealer because the Cabot line of products are richly pigmented, deep penetrating linseed oil-base stain that provides long lasting beauty and protection.

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

Even after applying an exterior finish to your gazebo, discoloration will occur over time. Usually dirt is the most common cause of discoloration and can easily be removed with a mild detergent and a brush. Water stains can also occur and can be difficult to remove.

How much exterior finish will be required? On average, plan on using 1-2 gallons of exterior finish to completely coat the outside of your gazebo. This does not include the inside, which is optional and in our opinion is not required.

### Roofing:

Cascadia gazebos are "water-resistant" not "water proof". Therefore, we recommend that you do not put any items such as carpeting, indoor furniture, or electrical equipment inside, which may be damaged with contact from water.

Please remember that gazebos DO NOT have a weight-bearing wall in the center. Therefore, any prolonged weight on the roof will adversely affect the longevity of the structure. If you live in a snowy area, please brush the snow off the roof of your gazebo, DO NOT USE A METAL SHOVEL, AS IT MAY SCRATCH THE ROOF SURFACE.

**Acrylic:**

Proper cleaning procedure and use of chemically-compatible cleaners are important in maintaining the performance of acrylic and polycarbonate roofs.

- Never scrape with razor blades or sharp instruments
- Never use benzene, unleaded gas, and acetone
- Do not clean in hot sun or elevated temperatures

**List of compatible cleaning agents**

- Plastic Cleaners
- Windex
- Mr. clean
- Fantastic
- Joy
- Formula 409

**Cleaning Instructions:**

- Never use a pressure washer alone to clean wood, since the pressure needed to lift the top surface layer and accompanying stain will also gouge the surface, making it difficult to recoat
- A solution of mild detergent and warm water will remove most dirt and leave stain without effecting the coating.

To help your gazebo look its best, use this cleaning techniques between maintenance coatings

**Scratch removal (acrylic):**

Hair line scratches and minor abrasions can be minimized with a mild automobile polish. Test a small inconspicuous area first before using in larger area. Be sure to buy a brand that both fills and polishes.

**Glass:**

Please use Windex or any glass cleaner to clean the glass.