

EXTERIOR WOOD AFTERCARE



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We hope you love your natural product!

European oak is a durable and naturally weather resistant material, with a look that will evolve as it ages. The rate and extent of change will be unique to the particular piece of wood, and whether it is positioned in a protected or exposed location.

The natural tannins within European oak help to protect it. They also react with moisture in the air, causing darkened speckling through the grain. Sunlight will naturally cause the wood to lighten to a beautiful silvery hue over time. The surface of the wood may also develop small cracks along the grain as it settles into its environment. These are all normal aspects of the outdoor ageing process, helping to give oak its resilience, strength, and traditional character.

Avoid using power washers or multi-purpose cleaners
as these will quicken ageing and may cause long term damage.

Available Protection

If you want to provide some protection from the elements you can do this with maintenance, by gently sanding and applying a specialised UV oil (we suggest Osmo UV Protection-oil).

- Wood placed vertically (e.g. attached flat to a wall, or gate) will need to have oil reapplied every 1 to 3 years dependent on the degree of weathering.
- Wood placed horizontally, or at an angle (e.g. a plaque on a spike) will require more frequent maintenance.

If the greying process has started before renovation is carried out, you may need to use a Wood Reviver product before reapplication of Protection Oil in order to achieve an even finish.

Fixtures and Fittings

We suggest you use stainless steel, or brass fixtures and fittings for external wood to prevent discolouration.

If fitting multiple boards, ensure there is a minimum gap of 10mm between each one. It is essential that any fixing holes are slotted