

## **A Guide to a Foundational Hardwood Care & Maintenance for Sal Wood from Good Luck Timbers**

You have chosen a timber renowned for its incredible strength and natural resilience. Sal wood is not merely a material but a structural foundation, trusted for generations to form the backbone of buildings. Its care is not about aesthetic upkeep but about ensuring its legendary durability is maximized for a lifetime of unwavering performance.

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### **The Critical First Step: Seasoning**

Proper seasoning is the most important factor in the long-term performance of Sal wood.

- **Why it Matters:** Due to its density, Sal wood must be seasoned slowly and correctly to remove moisture. This process prevents issues like warping, twisting, and cracking after installation, ensuring the timber remains stable and strong for its entire service life.
  - **Our Commitment:** We ensure our Sal wood is properly seasoned, providing you with a stable and reliable material ready for your most demanding applications.
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### **Protection & Finishing**

While naturally durable, applying a protective finish is a crucial step to seal Sal wood from the elements.

- **Sealing the Surface:** For any Sal wood that will be exposed to moisture, applying a quality waterproof sealant, varnish, or exterior-grade paint is essential. This creates an impermeable barrier.
  - **Preservative Treatments:** For applications with ground contact or in areas of high humidity, treating the wood with a suitable preservative adds another layer of defense against rot and insects, guaranteeing longevity.
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### **Long-Term Maintenance & Critical Mistakes**

- **Periodic Inspection:** Once installed, periodically inspect frames and beams for any signs of wear or damage to the protective coating, especially in areas exposed to rain or sun. Re-seal as necessary.
- **The Biggest Mistake:** The most common mistake is using unseasoned Sal wood or failing to properly seal it before installation. **Proper preparation is not optional; it is essential.** Rushing this step will compromise the integrity of your structure.

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From all of us at **Good Luck Timbers**, we are confident in the enduring strength of your Sal wood foundation. For any further questions, you know who to call.