



Caring for Your Exterior Timber

For decking, cladding, fences, pergolas and garden furniture finished with Osmo Decking-Oil, Natural Oil Woodstain or Garden Furniture Oil.

Exterior timber faces sun, rain and everyday wear that interior surfaces never see, so it needs a little more attention to stay protected. Osmo's natural oils are breathable and microporous — they protect from within rather than sitting on top as a plastic film, so timber can be cleaned, revived and refreshed indefinitely without sanding back to bare wood. Follow this simple three-step routine to keep it looking its best. **Always test any new product in an inconspicuous area first.**

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ROUTINE CARE

Clean with Osmo Decking Cleaner

A few times a year, or when dirt, algae or moss builds up

Sweep away loose debris and leaves first — trapped moisture is what encourages moss and algae. Dilute Osmo Decking Cleaner in water (mixing ratio depends on how dirty the surface is, from 1:25 up to 1:1) and scrub along the wood grain with a stiff-bristled brush, such as the Osmo Decking Cleaning Brush.

- Always work with the grain, not across it.
- Rinse thoroughly with clean water afterwards — leftover residue can affect future coats.

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RESTORING WEATHERED TIMBER

Revive greyed timber with Osmo Wood Reviver Power-Gel

As needed, for timber that has turned grey or silver from sun and weather

UV exposure gradually breaks down timber's natural colour, leaving a weathered grey look. Wood Reviver Power-Gel is a non-drip gel that restores the wood's natural tone before recoating. Apply generously, leave to work, then scrub with a stiff brush and rinse clean. Allow the timber to dry fully (at least 24 hours) before applying any oil.

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LONG-TERM MAINTENANCE

Re-oil with Decking-Oil or Garden Furniture Oil

Every 1-2 years, depending on sun and weather exposure

Once clean and completely dry, protect timber with a fresh coat of oil. Use Osmo Decking-Oil for decks, cladding, fences and pergolas, or Osmo Garden Furniture Oil for outdoor furniture. Apply thin, even coats along the grain in dry weather, allowing each coat to dry before the next (typically two coats, around 12 hours drying each). No sanding required between coats.

WHAT TO AVOID

- **No high-pressure washing.** Aggressive pressure washers can strip fibres and roughen the surface — use Decking Cleaner and a stiff brush instead.
- **No coating in direct sun, rain or on damp timber.** Oil needs a dry surface and moderate temperatures to cure properly.
- **No bleach or harsh chemical cleaners.** Use only Osmo Decking Cleaner or Wood Reviver Power-Gel.
- **No walking on freshly coated surfaces.** Allow the full drying time on the product label before use.