



# To Stain or not to Stain?

How long should I leave pressure-treated timber to weather for?

- \* If your timbers have been freshly pressure treated, the industry recommend that it is left to weather and settle down for 12 months before applying a stain or coloured top coat.
- \* You can apply wood stain straight away if you require the water-proofing qualities but you may have to reapply it again in 12 months' time. As the pressure treatment settles into the timber it can push off coatings and cause them to peel, hence the recommendation of natural weathering for 12 months.
- \* Applying wood stains to fresh timber can also result in resin bleed and staining of the coating. Fresh resin can still be bleeding out of the timber and this can also push the coating out and off from the surface.

Again this is easily rectified at the 12 month maintenance session by just lightly sanding off the expelled resin plus loose and stained coating. To prevent the knots from further bleed you can apply a knotting agent, leave to dry then apply fresh wood stain on top.



Brand new softwood bench painted with 2 coats of Royal Exterior



After 4 months bench and coating in perfect condition with no bleeding or splitting



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Only one small section on the table has experienced some resin bleed

