

MAINTAINING YOUR OUTDOOR PREFAB SAUNA AFTER INSTALLATION

Interior

It is recommended to vacuum or sweep out the inside of your sauna frequently to remove dirt and other debris. Under normal conditions, a slight wash of the floor and benches with warm soapy water several times a year will maintain its cleanliness. You can use a sheet of fine grit sandpaper or a low pressure wash to remove more stubborn stains or for a deeper cleaning of the interior of your sauna.

Never use ammonia or harsh cleaners as they can turn the wood gray.

Exterior

Depending on the humidity and weather conditions in your area, the cedar will either shrink or expand based on the amount of moisture absorption. The desired effect is to have the cedar expand into the bands therefore making the sauna staves much tighter.

Over time the lumber will weather naturally as a result of sun and rain, it will change into a weathered grey colour. This natural weathering will not harm the wood or impair the sauna's performance.

If you wish to retain the natural color of your Sauna, there are many cedar stains on the market and almost as many opinions as to which is best. We encourage you to rely on your own research and referrals.

Recommended Stains Include:

Behr Premium Semi-Transparent Waterproofing Stain & Sealer

Sikkens Proluxe Cetol SRD Translucent Stain

<https://www.realcedar.com/outdoor/finishing-choices/>

Note: never treat the interior of the Sauna, and never apply paint or varnish to the exterior.

You may need to tighten the bands after a period of time, usually within the first few months.

(Barrel Saunas Only)

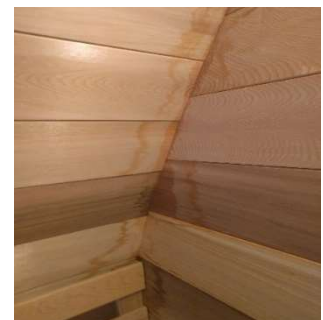
Water Seepage

Some minor water seeping into the sauna is expected and normal for an outdoor sauna. If your sauna is properly installed, you should not have water dripping in but you should expect some water seepage, especially on the top and sides of the sauna.

This is due to the porous characteristics of the wood and to the ball-and-socket profile design of the staves.

Water Seepage will not harm the sauna. The moisture will evaporate once you turn on the heater and the sauna heats up.

If the water marks are bothersome, they can be easily removed with a light sanding (80 or 100 grit)



Normal Water seepage

