



WESTERN RED CEDAR

Why Choose Cedar?

Western Red Cedar

From Northern British Columbia, Canada, to California, a rugged spine of mountains stretches for almost 1,500 miles parallel to the Pacific coast of North America. Along the slopes and in the valleys of these mountains, the humus-rich soil nourishes mixed softwood forest in vast abundance.

The majority of Western Red Cedar (Thuja plicata) grows in coastal forest. Western Red Cedars grow also in the drier interior forests of British Columbia, Washington, Idaho and Montana where they are in smaller stature with a tight knotted growth characteristic. Cedars rarely grow in pure stands but are generally found in association with other species. Western Red Cedar forests are predominantly managed forests, in which controlled harvests, natural regeneration and reforestation programs ensure a perpetual harvest.

A Wood of Warmth and Beauty

Western Red Cedar is, above all, a wood of exceptional beauty. In its natural unfinished state it has a richly textured, tactile grain combined with a palette of warm, mellow tones ranging from light amber to deep honey brown. No manmade material can duplicate the depths of cedar's natural luster. It also remains subtly aromatic, and the characteristic fragrance of cedar adds another dimension to its universal appeal. Whether used in wall panelling or ceilings, doors or windows, mouldings, railings, or posts or beams, the presence and prestige of cedar enhances structures of any type and design, contemporary or traditional, homes, offices, stores or public buildings.

The Gift of Durability

Western Red Cedar contains natural oils that act as preservatives to help the wood resist insect attack and decay. Cedar is also a dimensionally stable wood that lies flat and stays straight. Properly finished and maintained, Western Red Cedar ages gracefully and endures for many years.

Cedar is the preferred material for all outdoor applications that seek visual harmony with the landscape combined with the stability and durability: from siding and patio decking to fences, planters, shelters and garden furniture. Indoors, cedar's dimensional stability makes it perfectly suited to a variety of uses in the high moisture areas such as kitchen, bathrooms and saunas. Western Red Cedar should be preservative treated if intended for use in applications where it comes in contact with the ground.

Beautiful Benefits

Beauty aside, the purely practical, pounds-and-pence value of cedar offers other benefits: the wood's cellular structure creates interior air spaces that give it an insulation value higher than most woods and much higher than brick or concrete. Buildings which feature cedar panelling, ceiling or siding tend to stay cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter. Cedar also has excellent sound suppression and absorption qualities.

Environmental Mission Statement

We endeavour to purchase material which has been harvested in a sustainable manner and in accordance with the prevailing laws of the land. Regardless of country or environmental standard use a company must practise sustainable forestry in order to be considered as a potential supplier.

Sustainable Forestry Defined

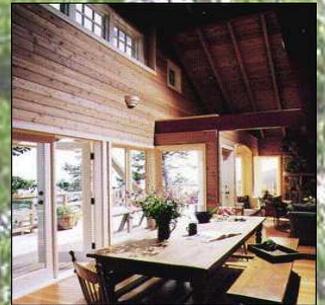
Sustainable forestry means managing forests to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs but practising a land stewardship ethic which integrates the reforestation, managing, growing, nurturing and harvesting of trees or useful products with the conservation of soil, air, and water quality, and wildlife and fish habitat.

Accountability

All our timber is only purchased from suppliers that have FSC Chain of Custody Certification and supports forests forever campaign to promote the environment credentials of wood as a commercial product. Cedar Door regularly review the practices of our suppliers and the progress made against their own environment objectives and any relevant regulatory body. It is the responsibility of all companies and individuals who depend upon the wood products to ensure that the Earth's forests remain a truly renewable resource.



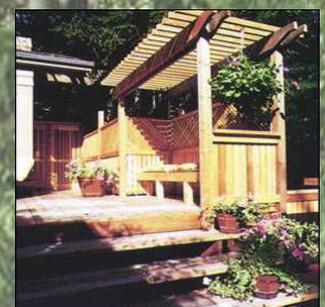
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