



## Important Information on choosing a Stain Color for Your Wood

Thank you for allowing us to care for your wood. During the cleaning process we used either a stripping solution to remove the old sealer/stain or a cleaning solution to remove the dirt, algae and other contaminants. The process includes washing away a small amount of the lignin on the surface of the wood. Lignin is the glue that holds the wood fibers together. When the lignin washes away, the wood fibers have a tendency to stand up creating a fuzzy appearance. This is normal and is part of the restoration process. The wind will remove the fuzziness naturally over the next several months. Sanding is not needed and is not recommended.

We offer 4 semi-transparent penetrating pigmented sealers/stains that we warranty to not crack or peel. We also offer a clear option. The color samples in the brochure were designed to give you merely an idea of the available colors. Since our sealer/stain is a penetrant which soaks into the wood, the color your wood becomes is a combination of the pigments in the sealer/stain and the color of the wood itself. The resulting color of your wood is unique due to the type and age of the wood. The following is a description of each tone:

**Organic Brown** – The darkest of the 4 colors and therefore offers the most UV protection from the sun.

**Redwood** – Very beautiful. A deep, rich color to protect your wood. Offers more UV protection against the sun than cedar and honey and almost as much protection as Organic Brown.

**Cedar** – The most popular and the color you see most often. Darker than our Honey sealer/stain but not as dark as Redwood or Organic Brown. It offers good protection against the sun. The color of new cedar wood has an orange tone and this sealer/stain has an orange tone as well.

**Honey** – The lightest sealer/stain we offer besides clear. Because it is the lightest, it offers the least amount of UV protection. It has a golden tone. This sealer/stain is for those who want the lightest, most natural looking wood that still has some protection from the sun.

**Clear** – Because it is clear, it doesn't offer any UV protection from the sun. Clear is for someone that wants to protect their deck from algae and moss and wants wood that is silver or gray. Clear allows the wood to start graying in as little as 4 to 6 weeks.

To really know what your wood is going to look like you need to see what the sealer/stain looks like on your particular wood. If you are unsure of your choice, we have the ability to bring out two colors on the day of sealing/staining and apply a sample on your wood so that you know what your wood is going to look like. You then choose the color you like best and we immediately begin to seal/stain your wood. If you know now what color you would like, please call us with your color choice in order to avoid scheduling delays.

We will contact you before we plan on sealing/staining your wood. If needed, we will work with your schedule to allow you to be home at the time of sealing/staining. Please be sure to have outdoor sprinklers off so your wood dries properly. We look forward to talking with you soon to discuss this next phase of your project.

Sincerely,

All of us at Roof-to-Deck Restoration