



Native Woods Shiplap Frequently Asked Questions

How long will the prefinished color last?

With proper installation, care and maintenance, the PPG machine-applied coatings will last for years.

What are the acceptable limited exterior exposure applications for Native Woods shiplap?

Any areas that have limited to no direct UV exposure, such as:

- Covered vertical applications
- Covered horizontal applications
- Soffits

What do I use for touch-up paint?

A small scrap cut sample of the shiplap will be needed to color match. Native Woods shiplap goes through a proprietary color formulation process; therefore, an exact paint match is difficult. Consult with a paint professional at your local retailer to specify a custom color that suits your needs. It is recommended to always test touch-up coatings for application technique and match.

Do I need to use a sealant for an exterior application?

Native Woods boards come prestained for limited exposure, exterior applications. No additional sealants are needed upon installation. Routine touch-up and maintenance may be required to keep the desired aesthetic.

Do I need to paint cut ends prior to installation?

Yes. Painting cut ends is recommended. Apply one coat of finish paint from the touch-up kit. Or consult with a paint professional at your local retailer for an end sealant suitable for your application.

Should I predrill holes for fasteners?

Yes. Predrilling holes for fasteners are generally recommended. However, if using a standard pneumatic nail gun, this is not necessary with trim nails. Areas especially prone to cracking such as board ends should always be predrilled.

Will Native Woods shiplap expand and contract?

Yes, Native Woods shiplap is an all-natural wood product that will respond to the environment in which it is installed. Wood products take on and release moisture, which will lead to slight expansion and contraction based on the environment.

Is the wood FSC certified (sustainably forested)?

The wood fiber used is responsibly sourced; however, it is not FSC certified.

Are any harmful chemicals used to create Native Woods shiplap?

No, harmful chemicals are not used to create Native Woods. The coatings are all low-VOC, water-based coatings.

Is the coating oil or latex (water based)?

Water-based coatings are used for the finish coat.

Can I repaint Native Woods shiplap?

Yes. If the product is installed inside and/or outside, use a corresponding premium-grade, water-based finish coat to repaint your shiplap.

Can I use Native Woods shiplap in a bathroom application?

Yes, these boards can be used on walls within a bathroom. We recommend you seal the boards with a wood protector sealant to protect them from moisture. Sealing all sides, edges and ends are recommended.

How do I clean Native Woods shiplap?

Like most surfaces, shiplap will need periodic dusting. Consider wiping down your shiplap with a damp cloth or use a dusting brush.

Do I need any special tools to cut or install Native Woods shiplap?

Native Woods can be installed with standard woodworking tools.

Are there any special storage and handling needs?

The wood should be stored under cover and off the ground during storage and installation. Refer to the installation instructions for more detailed information.

Does the wood need to acclimate to the environment before installation?

Allow the wood to acclimate in the environment in which it will be installed for several days prior to installation to minimize movement once installed. Refer to the installation instructions for more detailed information.

Can the wood come into contact with the ground?

No. Native Woods shiplap should not be placed in direct contact with the ground and a drainage plane should always be allowed where standing water can occur.

Is Native Woods shiplap resistant to rot, termites and other insects?

No. Native Woods shiplap is an untreated product and is not naturally resistant to rot, termites or insects. Routine maintenance and inspection should be done to ensure product durability.

Can Native Woods shiplap be used in a rain screen application?

No. Native Woods shiplap is not intended to be used for a rain screen. It is intended for limited

exposure areas. If used in areas other than limited exposure, it will need to be frequently inspected and maintained.