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## Garden Room Natural Timber Cladding Care

### Looking After Your Timber Cladding

Timber cladding brings natural warmth and texture to a garden room and is a popular choice for clients who want a more organic finish. However, as a natural product, timber will weather and age over time. This is not a fault, it's a feature of working with a living material.

Some fading, silvering, or tonal variation is completely normal and part of the aesthetic that timber offers. As Brooks Timber rightly puts it: "Timber is a natural product that will weather with time and exposure to the elements. This should be embraced, not feared."

As timber is a natural material, variation in colour, movement, knots, surface checking, and weathering are all expected characteristics and not considered faults. These are part of the timber's natural lifecycle and will not be covered under guarantee. Every board will respond differently to its environment, which is why regular maintenance is key to managing appearance over time.

## A simple 3 step process

#### 01 Clean and Prepare the Surface

Before applying any oils or treatments, it's important to remove dirt and organic growth. Brushing the timbers regularly will keep off dirt and debris.

**Barrettine Mould & Mildew Cleaner** can also be used. It's a ready-to-use surface biocide specifically designed to clean and treat areas affected by mould, algae or fungi. Unlike bleach-based cleaners, it won't damage the wood fibre or leave behind a chemical smell, and it also lifts light surface dirt in the process. Think of it as your go-to preparation product before any refinishing work.



#### 02 Restore Greying or Weathered Timber

If your cladding has started to grey or looks patchy, **Osmo Wood Reviver Power Gel** can be used to bring back some of the original colour. This powerful gel is easy to apply and penetrates deeply to remove the greyed surface layer without sanding. It's particularly effective on horizontal areas like window sills or facias that may have had greater exposure to sun and rain.



#### 03 Refinish with a Protective Oil

We recommend using a clear UV protection oil to help preserve the natural tone of your timber and slow down the silvering process. This should be applied annually or biannually, depending on the level of exposure and the type of timber used. **Osmo UV Protection Oil** and other reputable brands offer high-quality exterior wood oils that protect against UV rays and water ingress without adding pigment. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for application.



If you'd like more details on any of the products mentioned, we recommend contacting the manufacturers directly. There are also other suitable options and brands available on the market.

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