

Weatherproof wooden fixtures



Before the frigid temperatures enter your region, you can take steps to protect the sensitive material with waterproofing techniques. With the right maintenance, your items will survive the brutal cold and remain in good condition once spring rolls around.

Winter weather elements like snow, ice and rain can cripple wooden fixtures, including decks, fences and patio furniture.

Suppose you're not experienced in choosing waterproofing sealants, or applying the chemicals to wooden components. In that case, it's beneficial to hire a contractor. Their expertise will lessen the risk of using the wrong mixture or breathing in dangerous vapors. To find a reputable handyman, ask your friends for referrals or check review websites for real experiences from peers in your community.

However, if you plan to tackle these projects yourself, here are some ideas to protect your outdoor fixtures.

Store outdoor furniture indoors

When possible, moving your outdoor patio furniture inside during winter can help prolong its life. Consider cleaning out a shed or building on your property to accommodate the items while they are not in use. If you don't have access to an on-site structure, you may find room at a local storage unit facility.

Typically, you can rent a weatherproof area for a small fee to keep your belongings safe during the chilly temperatures. Another way to preserve patio furniture quality is to invest in a water-resistant tarp to provide the necessary coverage.

Weatherproof a deck or fence

While most wood used for decking or fencing is treated, it can become compromised by conditions caused by wet and cold winters over time. Take the time to protect your wooden components with simple waterproofing methods.

- Before applying a sealer, thoroughly clean the surface with an approved cleaner.
- After it completely dries, choose the preferred shade of waterproofing stain, or consider a clear product.
- Apply the sealer with a paint roller or use a tank sprayer to quickly achieve an even coat. Check the instructions as most products recommend coating the area twice.
- Allow the deck or fence to dry thoroughly before using the surfaces.

After a quality cleaning and application of waterproof sealer, your wooden components will be prepared to face winter.

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