

# Better Building with **GOODFELLOW** *Terra*® Earth Tone Ecological Treated Wood

## Finishing and Maintenance

During the pressure treating process, Goodfellow Terra is infused with colour pigments, giving the wood an earthy rich tone of tropical hardwoods that enhances the grain and natural character of the wood. Pressure treating protects Goodfellow Terra against structural failure due to rot, fungal decay and termite attack. However, the surface of any wood exposed outdoors, treated or not, needs to be protected from the effects of weathering, such as warping, checking, splitting and colour fading. Applying a high quality water repellent or semi-transparent stain can help reduce these effects. The addition of pigments or colour in a stain/finishing product help to protect the wood surface from UV damage and colour fading.

Unless the manufacturer stipulates otherwise, you can apply a water repellent or stain to Goodfellow Terra as soon as it is dry to the touch. This will depend on the weather, the exposure to sunlight and how wet the wood was when it was installed (it is saturated with water during pressure treatment). To test that the treated wood is surface dry, sprinkle water droplets on the surface. If the water droplets are absorbed into the wood, it is ready for water repellent. If not, try sprinkling again in a few days. When you apply a protective finish, be sure to follow the manufacturer's recommendations, especially on how and when the product should be applied.

If you want to restore the weathered product to the original Goodfellow Terra colour, we suggest purchasing a semi-transparent stain that closely matches the original colour. Before you start, we recommend you apply the finishing product to a small exposed test area before finishing the entire project to ensure it provides the intended result before proceeding.

## Recommendations from Finishing Product Manufacturers

Listed below are product recommendations from some major manufactures of protective wood finishes to keep your Goodfellow Terra pressure treated wood projects looking great:

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