

GARDEN ROOM CLADDING & MAINTENANCE



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CEDAR CLADDING

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Western red cedar cladding is an extremely popular choice amongst garden room owners. It is one of the more expensive cladding options we offer. As it is usually imported from forests in Canada and North America, the price of this material has been known to fluctuate since the pandemic and other recent disruptions to the supply chain. However, if your budget will allow and you love the rich colour of this wood, then it's a worthwhile long term investment. After all, you'll be using your garden building for decades to come! Cedar has a natural resistance to rot, moisture and is even insect-repelling. We can lay it horizontally or vertically on your garden room.

HOW TO LOOK AFTER YOUR CEDAR CLADDING

Maintenance Instructions

To maintain your cedar cladding it is recommended to re-apply the protective oil every 12-18 months to maintain the wood. The oil used is Osmo 420 clear satin oil. This oil provides UV protection, and it is highly water and dirt resistant. Before applying you must make sure that the cladding is clean and free from dust using a hose and microfibre cloth is recommended. Once clean and dry apply a thin coat of Osmo 420 satin oil over the entirety of the cladding before leaving it for 24 hours to completely dry.



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TIMBER TGV CLADDING

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A modern garden room with vertical timber cladding and a large window. The room is situated in a garden with green grass and various plants. The window shows a hammock and cushions inside. The room has a dark roof and a small window on the right side. The background shows a residential area with houses and trees.

This is one of our most popular cladding options because it looks great and is budget-friendly. We can lay this horizontally or vertically due to the way the profile of each board joins together. Like the feather-edge, this timber has been treated by our supplier to protect it against rot. The timber will naturally silver over time, but several of our customers have chosen to stain it post-build.

HOW TO LOOK AFTER YOUR TIMBER TGV CLADDING

Maintenance Instructions

Our pressure treated timber is rated for 15 years if used in contact with the ground, as the way we use it, it will not be in contact with the ground so we expect it will last around 30-35 years if left alone and longer if you decide to treat it with oil. If left over time the timber will begin to turn a silver-grey colour. You can oil the timber at any time, and it will preserve the colour and slow the deterioration of the timber over time. To clean we recommend using a regular hose and a soft bristle brush to wash away any dirt that may have built up over time.



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FEATHER EDGE CLADDING

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Feather edge timber is the most cost-effective type of cladding we offer. However, don't let this budget-friendly material make you believe it is of a lower quality! In fact, it is just as sturdy and durable as other cladding options. Our Feather Edge Timber is pressure-treated (or tanalised) by our supplier to protect it against rot and is therefore a long lasting material. The name 'feather edge' reflects the way the boards overlap and are tapered – like a feather. We always lay this cladding horizontally. Feather Edge Timber is also available stained in black. We have seen an increasing demand for this style. Depending upon how you design the rest of your garden room space, this cladding can make your design modern or rustic.

HOW TO LOOK AFTER YOUR FEATHER EDGE CLADDING

Maintenance Instructions

We recommend using a regular hose and soft brush to clean the surface of the feather edge cladding. If black feather edge cladding has been used it may need painting every so often, we recommend doing this whenever it looks like it needs doing such as if the paint begins to chip or wear off. Unpainted feather edge can be oiled or stained after approximately 6 months but if left it will begin to turn silver-grey over time. It can be oiled at any point after 6 months to retain the colour. <https://www.toolstation.com/bedec-barn-paint/p19339>



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JAMES HARDIE CLADDING

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A modern garden room with light blue horizontal cladding and large glass doors, illuminated at dusk. The room is situated in a garden with a large tree and a hedge in the background. The interior is visible through the glass doors, showing a desk and chair. The exterior is lit with warm lights, and the ground is covered with gravel and grass.

Fibre Cement Cladding is maintenance-free and UV-resistant. It is therefore incredibly durable and requires little maintenance compared to timber. If you want to add a splash of colour to your garden studio design, then this cladding comes in a range of colours via our supplier James Hardie. An advantage of this longlasting material is that it is fire-resistant – perfect for garden annexes which will need to meet building regulations.

HOW TO LOOK AFTER YOUR JAMES HARDIE CLADDING

Maintenance Instructions

Wash down the exterior surfaces every 6 to 12 months with a garden hose to remove dirt and debris, gently clean your siding with a soft brush or wet soft cloth in a side-to-side motion in the direction of the plank siding. Clean by working small sections at a time, starting from the top down to prevent dripping or streaking onto the cleaned area.

A low-pressure water spray and a soft medium bristle (non-metal) siding cleaning brush is most suitable for cleaning fibre cement products. Acid and high-pressure washing can damage the fibre cement surface and is not recommended.

Clean James Hardie ColourPlus® products by using water and a soft brush or cloth. For stubborn dirt or stains, a mild detergent and a soft brush may be used.



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COMPOSITE CLADDING



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Like fibre cement cladding, composite cladding is also rot, UV and insect repelling, requiring little maintenance. Whilst most commonly, the Fibre Cement Hardie Plank cladding is laid horizontally in a feather-edge style, the composite cladding is laid in a tongue and groove style. This means we can clad horizontally or vertically. All of our suppliers have a focus on sustainability which we love! Envirobuild's composite cladding comes in a range of neutral colours. If you would like a composite cladding that looks more like a natural timber, then you may wish to look at samples from Millboard or Ecoscape. Ecoscape offer a slatted style of cladding which is fantastic if you are looking for a modern finish on your garden building.

HOW TO LOOK AFTER YOUR COMPOSITE CLADDING

Maintenance Instructions

We recommend using a regular hose, if you are using a power washer, ensure that it is a minimum of 25cm away from the surface of the boards with a stretch pipe fan. Wash down with warm soapy water and a soft bristle brush to clean the cladding of any pollen and dirt that may have built up. Ensure to brush in the direction of the boards and to properly rinse the decking after you have washed it down to ensure no leftover unwanted watermarks. In cases where the cladding is unusually dirty, we would recommend using a brand called compo clean, which is water-based, environmentally friendly and is ideal for grooved cladding.

Composite cladding does contain wood and as such it can fade over time and can still stain when dirt, pollen or other materials build up on it. With a little extra care, you can help keep your outside space looking beautiful for longer.



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METAL CLADDING

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Corrugated steel panels are commonly seen on agricultural and industrial buildings such as barns and warehouses. But did you know that they look great on a garden room? If you are looking for a garden design that pushes design boundaries, then this could be the cladding option for you. This is used on large buildings due to its durability, so it will have longevity on a garden studio too.

HOW TO LOOK AFTER YOUR METAL CLADDING

Maintenance Instructions

We recommend using a regular hose, if you are using a power washer, ensure that it is a minimum of 25cm away from the surface of the boards with a stretch pipe fan. Wash down with warm soapy water and a soft bristle brush to clean the cladding of any pollen and dirt that may have built up. Metal cladding typically has a painted finished, so avoid using abrasive brushes or tools that could scratch the surface of your cladding panels.



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GREEN WALL OR ROOF



Green sedum roof



If you want a more natural look to your garden room, or wish to make it more sustainable, then a green wall or roof could be a great option. We offer both real and artificial green walls in a variety of different options depending on the look you are going for. Our green roofs are all natural and made from sedum. Sedum is the ideal choice for garden rooms as it requires minimal maintenance, is drought tolerant and requires a minimal roof depth.

HOW TO LOOK AFTER YOUR GREEN WALL OR ROOF

Maintenance Instructions

For our artificial green walls we recommend regularly spraying the product with a hose and removing any stubborn dirt with a cloth.

For our natural green walls and sedum roofs we recommend occasional watering during the summer months. The exact requirements will depend on the plant species selected.



HOW TO LOOK AFTER YOUR GARDEN ROOM INTERIOR

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Maintenance Instructions - Laminate Flooring

Laminate flooring is extremely hygienic and easy to keep clean. Here are recommendations to keep your laminate flooring looking beautiful for many years. General cleaning Routine cleaning requires just vacuuming, dusting with a clean, dry cloth, or a damp mop to prevent loose dirt or grit from scratching your floors finish. Use non-staining walk-off mats by the entrance of all outside doorways. Use a damp mop to remove footmarks and most stubborn dirt. Always be sure that your mop has been thoroughly wrung out.

- Never wet mop or use excessive amounts of water on your laminate floor.
- Never use scouring substances, abrasive cleaners, paste waxes or any floor polishes on your laminate floor.
- Marks and stubborn stains can easily be removed with Acetone nail polish remover or other mild solvents containing alcohol.
- Felt pads should be affixed to the base of all furniture legs and drip trays should be placed underneath any planted pots.
- Movable furniture should be fitted with wide, rubber rollers.
- The use of 'soap-free' cleaners on a regular basis is all you need to do to keep your floor looking beautiful for many years.
- Use protective mats at exterior entrances and in heavy traffic areas.

Maintenance Instructions - Paint

Occasionally your paint may need touching up to keep it looking its best. We use two different standard paints on the interior of our garden rooms one for the walls and one for the skirting as the skirting is a different material and therefore requires a different type of paint. Links too there two paints can be found below.

Walls: <https://www.toolstation.com/dulux-trade-vinyl-matt-emulsion-paint/p94109>

Skirting: <https://www.toolstation.com/bedec-multi-surface-paint/p84694>

