

### **Rustic Natural Cedar**

For over 35 years, Rustic Natural Cedar Furniture Company has been manufacturing quality Cedar Looks brand products for the home and garden. Our broad variety of products includes bedroom sets, tables and seating groups, gliders, rockers, swings, arbors and other garden products. These fine furnishings are handcrafted with care in Quebec and British Columbia and shipped worldwide for your enjoyment.

Long—lasting good looks and low maintenance make cedar the natural choice for your home and garden décor. With the added benefits of beauty and comfort, cedar is an ideal choice for any setting.



#### **Rustic Performance**

Cedar is the natural choice because of its beauty, practicality and durability. We use only the finest cedar to create furniture that lasts for generations. It is naturally resistant to decay, insect and weather damage. Because of this superior resistance, cedar is frequently used for outdoor fencing and siding on homes. Cedar has an exceptionally high strength-to-weight ratio, which means that it is both durable and easy to move about. It does not shrink or warp as many other woods commonly do. Unlike pressure-treated wood furniture, we use no chemical preservatives that may be harmful to your family's health.

# Types of Cedar

We use two types of cedar -- Northern White Cedar for our indoor and outdoor furniture for its creamy white color and enduring strength, and Western Red Cedar for our outdoor garden products such as arbors and trellises. When left untreated, over time white cedar weathers gracefully to a silvery gray, or it can be stained to match any décor.



## Checking

All cedar log furniture is subject to the natural process of checking as the wood seasons. Checking occurs as wood releases moisture across or through the annual growth rings and it does not affect the structural performance or integrity of the wood.







#### **How To Care For Your Cedar Wood Furniture**

Northern White and Western Red Cedar are some of the most sought—after woods, ideal for many outdoor and indoor uses. It is a fine grained wood that is durable and resistant to rotting and insects. Because cedar is a top choice for carefree living, it can be left natural or it can be painted or stained to match any décor.

Left untreated, both Western Red and Northern White Cedar will weather to a beautiful soft silvery gray. Untreated cedar is natural and pleasing, however, the wood is porous and over the long term may become discolored if left in damp or shaded areas. A 20 percent solution of household bleach in water will usually remove the stain. Even after years of exposure, cedar can be refinished to its natural bright clean appearance.



### **How To Care For Your Cedar Wood Furniture (continued)**

If you opt to stain your cedar furniture, there are a wide variety of penetrating stains. We recommend Penofin because it is formulated to enhance the natural beauty of the wood and will keep it looking that way. Some stains also have water repellant additives and mildew inhibitors. Penetrating stains go into the wood without forming a surface barrier. This eliminates the problems of blistering and peeling of painted surfaces. They work well on wood with knots and deep surface texture. Whichever stain you opt to use, please follow the manufacturer's directions for a successful application.

If you decide to paint cedar, the natural color and grain of the wood will be concealed. So many great colors are now available to accent your décor. Our furniture is also popular with artists who paint flowers, natural scenes, or whimsical patterns right on the furniture. Follow the directions on the manufacturer's product for the best application methods.