

General Maintenance of your HAYMAC Timber Building



Outside of Your New Timber Building

If your timber building is located under trees or does not enjoy full sun, it may be subject to a build-up of green algae, surface mould and/or general grime on the exterior of the building over time. Regularly check that debris has not built upon the roofing felt or in gutters if fitted. Remove the build-up of grime and algae from the exterior walls using one of the following methods: Using a stiff brush, scrub affected timber with warm water with diluted detergent. Rinse thoroughly with clean water and allow to dry. Or, following manufacturer's instructions, use a diluted standard garden fungicide.

Use of a Pressure Washer

A pressure washer, used with care, can be used to clean surfaces but may cause the grain to "lift" and remove previously applied paint treatments and thus require light sanding, re-painting and re-waterproofing. Should you choose to use a pressure washer, great care should be taken to ensure the nozzle is not too close to the surface to prevent damage to the timber.

Guttering

Your new timber building will benefit greatly from having guttering fitted during installation or immediately after if you have not chosen guttering as an optional extra during your purchase, guttering will help stop excess water from the roof running down the walls helping to keep the interior of your timber building dry.

Maintaining Adequate Airflow Inside Your Timber Building

Your new timber building will require an adequate free flow of free air to avoid the build-up of stale damp air which under certain conditions can promote the growth of mould & mildew.

Garden buildings can suffer from moisture and damp issues at certain times of the year. Timber buildings are even more prone to these problems due to the porous nature of timber. Winter and Spring are the main times when there may be a high level of moisture in the air.

Effects of moisture are;

- Premature rot
- Mould and mildew on interior panels and roof

Preventing Damp Issues

Moisture, caused by damp, wet conditions can get trapped inside timber buildings, especially if they are not used often. If the outside temperature drops, any moisture inside the shed will cause condensation on the inside of the shed panels, roof, floor and possibly other items stored in the shed. This condensation will cause mould and mildew to form very quickly.

To combat this issue, it is advised to allow the shed to vent as often as possible throughout the winter. This will enable fresh air to circulate inside the building and stop moisture from building up. To do this, you can open the windows if you have them or leave the door open from time to time. HAYMAC can supply you with freeflow air vents that can be fitted at either end of your building to allow continuous airflow at all times of the year- these are optional extras that need to be requested when you place your order for your new timber building.

It is also a good idea to not store wet or damp items in the shed, like garden tools or wet clothes etc. Try to dry them off before returning them to your timber building.

Do not store items directly against walls which will cause areas where airflow is restricted, and the same applies to storing items too close to the ceiling.

If you do get mould or mildew forming, it is advisable to remove it as quickly as possible with an anti-mould cleaner, before it penetrates and permanently damages the timber and address the free flow of air requirement.

In some cases you may need to temporarily install a dehumidifier to dry out the inside of your timber building.