



Picnic Table Care & Maintenance

Sealing, Painting, and Staining Treated Lumber

The process of taking preventative measures will ensure the durability, lifespan, and overall appearance of your pressure-treated lumber. The wood surface should be completely clean, free of debris, and dry before any additional products are added to the surface as newly treated wood may not receive stain, sealant, or paint very well. Remember, with any product, test on a small area of the table to confirm the appearance and the readiness of the wood.

Sealing

- The wait time for complete drying is heavily dependent on your climate
- Some areas may take several weeks, others only a few days
- Look for products with a UV-stabilizer to reduce the damaging impact of the sun
- Transparent or semi-transparent stain with water repellent will preserve the natural pine color and appearance of your table
- Use the correct brush type as suggested by the sealant or repellent manufacturer
- Apply on an annual basis to ensure protection

Staining

- Apply when the surface is completely dry, reapplying when needed
- Select stains with long warranties, water repellent, and a UV stabilizer
- Test the stain on a small area to ensure the color and that the product absorbs into the wood instead of beading up on the surface
- Use the correct brush type as suggested by the stain manufacturer

Painting

- Apply when the surface is completely dry, reapplying when needed
- Test the primer on a small area to ensure that the product absorbs into the wood instead of beading up on the surface
- Using the correct style of brush start with an oil-based primer, finish with two coats of high-quality acrylic latex topcoat paint
- Be sure to prime any cut ends on your table so that they are protected too

Recycled Plastic Lumber

Our recycled plastic tabletop surfaces are designed to be essentially maintenance-free as they feature superior weather and insect resistance. The recycled plastic is inherently resistant to mold and chemicals while featuring a UV-stabilizer. You won't see your recycled plastic lumber splintering or rotting either – making this a great material for plenty of locations. At most, you may need to routinely clean, scrub, or gently power wash your table to return it back to that “like new” appearance we all like.



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**Thank you for your purchase of a Jamestown Advanced Products site furnishing.
With the proper cleaning, maintenance, and minor repairs, this product will last for years to come!**

Even though the galvanized frames are naturally maintenance-free, the pressure-treated southern yellow pine tabletop and seats require routine maintenance. These suggestions will help preserve the appearance of your Jamestown Advanced Products picnic tabletop and seats, prolonging their life span for years to come. If you have any questions or concerns that are not covered in this guide or our other informational sheets please do not hesitate to reach out to us!

Important Notes

Our pressure treated southern yellow pine will arrive with a high-moisture content because it comes to us straight from the mill where it was recently submerged in the liquid preservatives. To slow down the drying-out process and minimize warping, we ship the boards to you tightly stacked together. That way, the natural weight of the boards can help pin them down and keep the boards straighter while minimizing air circulation. The wood, in certain cases, can take several months to dry-out completely and there may be shrinking or warping as a result. It is the inherent nature of wood to crack, split or warp after time.

- Always wear gloves when working with wood.
- Mold growth can occur on the surfaces of both treated and untreated lumber. To remove mold from treated wood, allow the surface to dry completely before using a mild solution of soap and water to scrub away mold. If some mold persists after an initial scrub, repeat process.
- Grading stamps are common eyesores on new lumber. These can be removed with sandpaper or will naturally fade over time due to weather exposure.
- We receive all of our lumber straight from the mill and cut and drill it on-site. This means that the wood will still be wet and fresh when you receive it and will take some time to dry.

Assembly Notes

- For best results, assemble your tables as soon as possible.
- Be sure to assemble the table with the flatter or more attractive side of the board facing outward. Our boards are routed on both sides.
- If you are unable to assemble your tables upon receiving them be sure to stack them in tight piles, much like how they are shipped to you, and cover them with a tarp to prevent drying until you are ready to assemble and apply sealant, paint, or stain.