

# TIMBER CARE & MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS

**PLEASE READ AS YOUR WARRANTY MAYBE VOID IF YOU DON'T FOLLOW CARE INSTRUCTIONS**

## **ASSEMBLY**

Easy to follow instructions are provided for the assembly of your gazebo. As an added precaution we strongly recommend you tighten any loose components after an initial period of use (around 3-6 months). For assured longevity and safe use of your gazebo, we recommend regular checking and tightening of any bolts.

## **NATURAL TIMBER PROCESS**

There is a minimal risk of leeching/bleeding from the timber. All precautions have been taken to reduce the risk of timber leeching. In the unlikely event there is some leeching, we recommend the following process as a precautionary measure. All timbers contain a content of resin/sap which may initially bleed out when wet. This can stain unsealed and porous surfaces. As the nature of each timber is different, the bleeding period is unpredictable. To accelerate the bleeding process and to avoid staining we highly recommend hosing the timber of the gazebo down several times on a grassed area to diminish the leeching process prior to assembly.

## **MAINTAINING YOUR TIMBER GAZEBO**

This gazebo consists of FSC approved Cedar Hardwood timber. With regular maintenance you will enjoy it for many years to come. Some simple steps will enable you to preserve the full beauty of the timbers. The amount of care required is directly related to the amount of exposure to the weather. Your timber gazebo has been pre oiled in the factory, but we highly recommend that it should not be left/exposed to the weather. Once exposed to the elements for even few months without protection your timber may develop cracks, checking (small surface cracks), as well as loss of colour. These cracks wont effect the structural integrity of the product if treated.

To protect against the elements, it is highly recommended to apply timber oil within the first 4-6 weeks. Simply apply the oil to the gazebo using a rag. Rub the coating into the timber and ensure to remove any excess oil after every application. Always read the manufactures instruction before applying.

As this gazebo will be exposure to the elements, we recommend you use oil with built-in UV protection and re-coating every three months. If untreated, the outer surface will naturally weather to a silver/grey colour in time and surface checking (hairline cracks) may develop. Please note that the above application period is a guide only. In periods of extreme weather conditions (high levels of rain or increased hours of sun) it is recommended that you increase the frequency of application. The frequency of application will depend on the climate prevalent in your area and the appearance of the timber.

If the timber is exposed to rain, the surface fibres of the timber will rise slightly and have a rough texture. This is normal; we recommend a light sanding with a semi-fine sandpaper to return the surface to a smooth finish and treat with a timber oil.

## **IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS**

- The ground for erecting and anchoring the gazebo is required to be a level, solid and a safe surface.
- Beware of existing utilities underground.
- Keep away from any electrical installations and transportation devices.
- Keep away from flame or heat source (ex. fire pit, grills, etc.)
- Never climb, sit, or stand on the structure.

