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Caring for your  
*Breez House*



from *installation* to  
*everyday enjoyment.*

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Following these recommendations *will ensure* that your Breeze House will continue to be an *attractive and useful* addition to your garden.

#### THE FIRST FEW DAYS

Your building has been specialist treated with a stain preservative. The preservative will take time to cure and drying times will vary depending on weather conditions. Please be aware that clothing can pick up marks in the first few days after installation.

#### TIMBER RE-TREATMENT

When your Breeze House wooden gazebo was first crafted, it was treated with a wood preserver, specifically Bird Brand in Light Brown. We suggest you treat your building 12 months after installation and then again every 3 years thereafter.

Any secondary treatments will significantly darken the colour of the building, so you may want to consider using a clear preserver, also available from Bird Brand.

Whichever colour you opt for, the treatment doesn't need to be applied thickly with a brush, but rather gently rubbed into the wood and along the grain with a clean piece of cloth. The preservative will take time to cure and drying times will vary, depending on things such as weather conditions – watch out for staining on any clothes for a few days after treatment!

Alternatively, if you would prefer a more polished look to the finish of the wood – especially to the floor boards – consider using a wood oil instead. We recommend using Osmo Oak UV Protection Oil in 425 Oak Transparent. To be applied by brushing on, only one coat should be required.

As with all wood work, preparation is key; be sure to give the wood a quick clean and a light sanding before applying the oil.

As with all paint and stains, please remember to test a small, discreet area first to make sure you are happy with the result before starting on a larger surface area.







#### CAPE REED AND COMBINATION THATCH TILES

The thatch on the roof of your building requires no maintenance; it benefits most from being left undisturbed. As with all types of thatch, it is expected to shed reeds over the years. Cape Reed thatch will almost immediately begin to mature and age to a darker, grey colour; whereas combination thatch keeps its colour longer.

Typically, Cape Reed thatch lasts approximately 6-10 years and combination thatch lasts approximately 8-12 years. However, other factors such as weather and the positioning of the building in your garden can impact the life expectancy.

#### CEDAR SHINGLE

If removing moss from cedar shingle tiles, then it is best to do it after a dry spell of weather — you can simply brush the roof lightly, which should do the job nicely.

For keeping moss or greening at bay you could use a clear, no colour Barretine. When using, put only a minimum amount on the brush end; or use a rag/cloth to dab the solution lightly onto the tiles — this is to avoid the solution bleeding through and to avoid seepage. The solution should just coat the exterior of the tile and allow to dry. Ensure you apply this treatment during a dry spell.

#### DURING WINTER

During winter, it is recommended that at least one canvas side panel is left partly open to allow some airflow throughout the Breeze House. Damp, winter air trapped inside a closed space can, in some circumstances, cause mildew deposits. It is not necessary to leave a panel open if you have a timber roof.



# Cushions & Canvas Panels

## Care Guide

### CUSHIONS

Wipe fabric frequently with a damp cloth to maintain appearance. Most stains can be removed using warm/cold water and a clean cloth. Stains from products containing oil and grease should be treated with a spirit based solution. If soap based cleaners are used, ensure all residue is rinsed from the fabric.

The fabric can be cleaned with a mild hypochlorite solution: 1/2 spoon household bleach with 5 litres water or mineral spirit. Stains should be removed immediately – the longer they are left untreated, the more difficult they will become to remove.

- Do not dry clean
- Do not machine wash
- Do not tumble dry
- Warm iron
- Cashmir cushions can be steam cleaned in-situ

### CANVAS PANELS

Your canvas panels are designed to withstand even the harshest of marine environments, but there are some simple steps you should take to maintain the fabric's appearance.

Give the panels a gentle brush to remove any surface dirt to prevent it becoming ingrained in the weave. You can also hose them down with fresh water, although you must not use a jet wash as this damages the strength of the fabric and the waterproofing. For more ingrained dirt or stains, you can use a warm water and mild soap solution to wash the canvas, although you must rinse off any soap thoroughly. Never use chlorine or bleach.

To prevent mould and mildew, it's best to keep your canvas panels unrolled when wet, this allows them to dry properly and helps to keep them clean. Allow canvas to dry naturally, do not tumble dry or iron.

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