Tropical Palm Thatch

Palm thatch is a natural product and is subject to natural elements and degradation and some caution must be utilized.

1. Palm thatch is not flame resistant and can ignite if installed too close to barbeques, fire pits, or any open flame situation. We recommend that you check with your local fire department and/or building department for specifics on conforming to code **before installation**. There are fire retardant products that can be applied such as "Thatch Safe" and "X238" that are available and that may be required to conform to your local fire and/or building codes.

2. Palm thatch can become moldy. If this happens, mix a solution of 5 parts water and 1 part bleach. Spray onto thatch for 5 minutes and then rinse with water. Best results will occur on a hot and sunny day. Best to do this early in the day to make sure the thatch dries completely.

Installation Instructions

1. Palm thatch may contain some residues that can stain. It should be rinsed off and allowed to dry before installation. This is to avoid the staining of floors, others areas susceptible to runoff during rain.

2. Palm thatch is easily installed over a sheeted and papered roof by stapling. It can also be installed over "framed" 2" x 2" structure but some drooping may occur. Thatch needs to breathe. We do not recommend installation over plastic or canvas or similar materials.

3. Cut your thatch as needed with sharp, heavy-duty scissors. Zip ties come in handy when seams need to be held together.

4. Begin installation at the bottom of the roof and work horizontally. Allow a 8-10" overhang at the fascia. Move your way up the ridgeline installing approximately 10"-15" on center. Or if you choose, you can install a double layer of thatch. Either way will ensure adequate coverage and results in an authentic, natural look. Be sure to install with the "shaggy" side up (woven, knotted side down).