



*Great Lakes Outdoor Living would like to thank you for buying our product. We hope you experience many years of enjoyment and appreciate the beauty of our wood products. We offer the following tips to assist in your enjoyment of this product.*

# TIPS

## WOOD FACTS

Cedar wood is an organic material that will fluctuate according to environmental conditions. It will be unavoidable to eliminate all gaps because as wood shrinks and swells based on the humidity level. A  $\pm 1/16$ " shrinkage or swelling variation is normal and will likely occur. Splits, checks and warpage can also be expected as the product ages.

## FINISHING WITH A WOOD SEALER

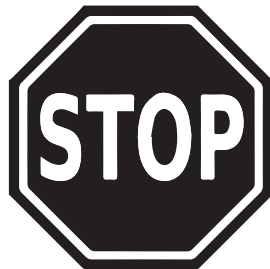
Finishing with a wood sealer is not required since these products are made of Western Red Cedar, which is naturally decay and insect resistant. Finishing, however, can minimize the loss of color over time. If left unfinished, the wood will change in color to a silver grey appearance. If desired, we recommend applying Great Lakes Outdoor Living *Cedar Wood FINISHING OIL* soon after assembly. *Cedar Wood FINISHING OIL* is available to purchase on our website: [www.greatlakesoutdoorliving.com](http://www.greatlakesoutdoorliving.com)

## PLANTING

In order to increase the longevity of this product, the interior wood needs to remain as dry as possible. We recommend lining the planter cavity with landscape fabric to allow for excess water drainage. An alternative to filling the planter with soil is to place potted plants within the container.

## LOCATION

Location of our products is discretionary. These products may be used outdoors or indoors in a sunroom, porch, or enclosed patio.



*Please do not return product to the store - if you should experience any defective part. For help, please contact us at [submissions@GLFP.net](mailto:submissions@GLFP.net). Also feel free to submit a photo of your planted and finished product to the above address.*

Thank you again for your patronage.  
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