

How to look after your Kiwi Cabins Building!

The following are basic tips, tricks & answers to common questions on how to look after your Kiwi Cabin and get the most life out of it! If you have any further questions or problems pop up that aren't covered on here, flick us an email and we'll be happy to help & instruct where we can!

Get the damp out!

This tip is primarily for lined out sheds and cabins but is something worth keeping in mind all around - It's important to ventilate your cabin in the weeks after being built to allow airflow and ensure final drying of any possible damp timbers to prevent any molding. *If it was built on a day with rainy or damp conditions this is especially important!*

Depending on the time of year your build was, depends on the timeframe you'll need to ventilate

Top Tip: If you want to speed up the process a little bit we recommend getting a dehumidifier, you can get electric ones if you have the facilities, but you can also pick up non-electric moisture absorbers from places like the supermarket for a few dollars!

Look after the hinges!

Oil your hinges regularly with just a standard lubricant to keep them at their best!

External Painting & Staining

This is not a necessary step whatsoever - we love the look of our natural nz timber finish! But we also love the personalisation factor behind you decorating your Kiwi Cabin.

Because we use treated rough sawn timber it can have a rustic feather-y finish - this makes staining our recommended way of colouring your cabin, as to create that finished & polished look with paint may require some time beforehand prepping and sanding up all those fluffy bits to create a smoother base surface.

It's definitely worth noting that with the gorgeous sunshine we get here in NZ, stained and painted cabins will need redoing every few years as they fade. Always best to check the instructions of the product you're using for the lifespan and estimated recoat time!

Internal Painting, Staining & Sealing

If you like the look of the ply finish and don't want to paint or alter the appearance we recommend sealing it with a water-based varnish to prolong the life of it and keep it looking fresh.

Otherwise, ply can be painted or stained to suit your needs with standard internal house paint or water-based wood stain. It is always best to check the product you're using for the best fit, prep and number of coats required.

Top Tip: Ply ages naturally over time, whichever stage you varnish it at will be how it stays! White ply ages into a warm yellow-orangish tone and red ply darkens as it ages.