



## Western Red Cedar Information



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# About Western Red Cedar

## Western Red Cedar - The Environmental Choice

Western Red Cedar offers unique, natural performance characteristics and exceptional beauty that bring warmth, character and longevity to the interior and exterior of residential and commercial projects around the world. Western Red Cedar offers virtually unlimited versatility and design flexibility in terms of size and profile.

Western Red Cedar is a truly sustainable building material. It has the lowest environmental impact when compared with other materials such as brick and fiber cement. Independently certified, it is harvested legally and sustainably from managed forests in British Columbia. Go Green with Cedar.

## Natural Preservative

Western Red Cedar is one of the world's most durable woods. Natural resistance to moisture, decay and insect damage has long made Western Red Cedar the premier choice for either interior or exterior home use. Cedar fibers in the heartwood contain natural preservatives that are toxic to decay-causing fungi.

## All-Weather

Western Red Cedar is one of the few wood species that are naturally at home in the outdoors. Properly finished, Western Red Cedar will last for decades, even in harsh environments. Its natural resistance to moisture, decay and insect damage make it the ideal choice for a surface that is exposed to sun, rain, heat and cold all year round.

## What is “Checking”

Checking, or the separation wood fibers, is a naturally occurring process during the seasoning of wood. The outer fibers lose moisture to the surrounding atmosphere and attempt to shrink, but the inner portion of the timber member loses moisture at a much slower rate resulting in surface cracks or “checks”.

The checking process will stabilize as the moisture content of the timber reaches equilibrium with the surrounding environmental conditions. Checking is a normal and natural characteristic of wood, not a structural defect.

## “Old World Character”

Nothing can compare to the warmth and atmosphere a heavy timber brings to any home. Old world charm, coupled with the distinctive character of each timber, brings to life the unique craftsmanship of an era long past. Builders and homeowners alike have experienced the satisfaction and enjoyment of the beautiful addition the home environment.