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Compared to many building materials, wood can be easily maintained, one of its defining characteristics. Even years after installation, Mataverde Thermowood cladding and decking may be restored to its original appearance.

The patented thermal modification process makes the real wood decking and siding boards very resistant to warping and swelling. You can extend the useable lifetime of your decking or cladding investment by cleaning it regularly and maintain it as you prefer.

### Preparation

- Mataverde Thermowood should be prefinished with an oil-based sealer, on all four sides, prior to installation. This will help protect your wood from the damaging effects of ultraviolet rays and weather during its initial seasoning process.
- Always acclimate your materials to site conditions *prior to installation*.

### Maintenance and Appearance Options

- **Keep it Clean.** Regular cleaning of your decking or siding will help it look fresh. Removing dirt, grit, grime and mold spores also helps extend the usable lifetime of your investment.
- **'Like New' Option.** If you would like to maintain the 'like new' wood look, simply clean your wood decking or siding and apply a fresh coat of oil-based sealer whenever you wish
- **Low Maintenance Option.** Another option is to allow your decking or siding to fade to a silvery gray patina, naturally over time
- **What if I Change my Mind?** No worries. You can change your mind at any time. For example, if you let your decking and siding weather to a gray color, you can restore it to the original look. Depending on how long it has grayed out for, you should first try a simple cleaning. If that doesn't work well enough for preference, a light sanding or light power washing (no more than 600 PSI max) should remove the gray appearance. From there, simply recoat it with an oil finish.

