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Cedar Wooden Baths

A precision-joined cedar wooden bath is the equivalent of the finest piece of furniture and must be accorded the same amount of care and attention from the day it arrives.

The bath should be always in a constantly temperate state, defined as cool and moist, with the humidity approximately 50%. Such is a frequently used bathroom. Stress should be avoided when it is handled and stored.

Wood is beautiful, warm to touch and highly insulating, enabling changes to the size and shape of the bath which can be installed without the need for carpentry and tiling. Cedar is also exceptional as it has much colour, a distinctive aroma and resistance to mould, bacteria and insects. Grown and sustainably harvested in Canada, it is air-dried, knot-free and dressed to a thickness of 40mm.

The floor should provide adequate drainage and stable support while the two 'rails' attached to the underside provide stability, ventilation and space for the drain fitting. There should be sufficient room to enable the bath to be tipped onto a soft surface for cleaning the floor. A cedar bath is not heavy and cleaning every 6-12 months would be reasonable.

After using the bath it should then be emptied as is normal with all baths. If there is any sediment, the surface should be lathered with a soft soap before or after use and rinsed off. Excess water should be towelled off. Maintenance therefore is not so different when compared with a plastic bath.

The cedar is untreated with no surface coatings and does not require oiling. We have devised the perfect sealant however, applicable to all natural wood surfaces, comprised of beeswax (highest melting point of all waxes) and pure pine turpentine. The ingredients are inexpensive, readily available, entirely natural, non-allergenic, invisible, waterproof and have a pleasant aroma. Mixing is quick and simple, application also, and can never be excessive as a waxy non-slip surface can take a beautiful polish.

Accessories include a two-part lid, removable backrest, bathmat and stool.

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