

bbi Wood Products

Pergola Maintenance

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Kwila is a durable, naturally resilient timber that performs well in outdoor environments. Like all natural timber products, ongoing care and maintenance will help preserve the appearance and longevity of your pergola.

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bbi Wood Products Pergola Use & Maintenance Guide

Use & Care

Kwila pergolas are designed for outdoor use and will naturally weather over time when exposed to sun, rain, and environmental conditions. Changes in colour, surface checking, and minor movement are normal characteristics of natural timber.

To maintain appearance and performance:

- Avoid allowing water, leaves, or debris to accumulate on horizontal surfaces
- Ensure good airflow around posts and beams
- Avoid fixing items that may trap moisture against the timber

Coating & Finishing

bbi Wood Products **recommends a minimum of one coat** of a suitable **exterior timber oil or coating** be applied to all exposed faces of the pergola components.

- Apply coating once the pergola is installed and clean
- Additional coats may be applied for enhanced protection and colour retention
- Recoat as required depending on exposure and product selection

*Always follow the coating manufacturer's guidelines for product suitability, application method, drying times, and maintenance intervals.

Ongoing Maintenance

Regular maintenance will help keep your pergola looking its best:

- Clean annually using a mild detergent containing an anti-fungal agent
- Rinse thoroughly and allow timber to dry before re-coating
- Inspect fixings periodically to ensure they remain secure

Environmental exposure will affect the frequency of maintenance required.

Local Authority & Compliance

Before installation and for any structural or permanent installations, you should **contact your local authority** to confirm compliance requirements and determine whether a Building Consent is required. A qualified tradesperson should be consulted where professional advice is needed.

Disclaimer

Kwila is a natural timber product and some variation in colour, grain, density, and performance is to be expected. Natural movement, checking, and weathering are normal and do not affect structural integrity when installed and maintained correctly.

Kwila timber will bleed tannins, particularly when exposed to moisture. This may stain surrounding surfaces or materials. Care should be taken during installation, use, and maintenance to manage runoff and protect adjacent finishes.

bbi Wood Products accepts no responsibility for installation methods, coating selection, or maintenance practices that fall outside manufacturer recommendations or applicable building requirements.

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