



# 4 Things To Know About Wood

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## 1. Moisture

- The wood moisture content should be **12% or less** to apply Ready Seal.
- We recommend using a moisture meter to confirm moisture content before staining.

## 2. Mill Glaze

- New wood usually has a compacted surface condition called mill glaze which needs to be removed. This is most commonly seen on smooth milled substrates, including *fir, western red cedar and pine*.
- To remove mill glaze, first apply a **50% bleach + 50% water solution**. Let that solution set for 15-20 minutes, rinse well with a power washer (1000 psi or less) or a garden hose with a jet spray attachment, and then allow to completely dry down to 12% moisture or less.

## 3. Finishes

- Ready Seal will not penetrate through any other products.
- All other finishes must be completely removed by stripping or power washing.

## 4. Sanding

- We do not suggest sanding. However, if necessary, we recommend using 60-80 grit sandpaper.

**Questions?** – Call Ready Seal technical support at **1-888-782-4648** for individual analysis.

