



## Land Ark Product Care

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**Application:** We recommend at least two coats of Land Ark on projects like timber frames and log homes, or anything with larger 'rougher' wood. Smoother wood like sanded tongue and groove often does well with just one coat, depending on the type of wood and how dry it is. For furniture and cabinetry, or other finer woodworking, use classic wood finishing techniques. Generally, the more oil you can get into the wood, the better it is for the lifetime of the project.

The typical procedure would be applying a generous coat by sprayer, roller, brush or rag. Pooling is okay, since there are no dryers added. Allow to soak in for 12 to 24 hours. Wipe down any areas where obvious pools or very shiny spots remain, especially if that is the only coat. If applying a subsequent coat, you can leave the pools or wipe them off. Apply the next coat, letting it soak in for the same time. Repeat as desired. When you have applied your final coat, it is preferable to wipe down any obviously wet or shiny areas. These will normally soak in over the next few days, though for naturally oily or very saturated woods they may not. It is extremely rare for Land Ark products to exhibit streaking or gumming (unless applying in direct sunlight), as it typically continues to soak in and not sit on the surface to dry. Most Land Ark products cover 300 - 500 square feet per gallon (or 500 - 700 board feet), depending on the wood; as you apply more coats of oil, those numbers go up significantly.

**Maintenance:** In general, let the wood tell you when it needs more oil. It will start to look dry or weathered, and can use another coat at that point. This will happen faster on horizontal, exposed surfaces such as a deck, which has the full force of sun, rain, snow, and feet. Often these can use a coat annually to remain looking new. On the other hand, siding protected by large eaves away from the weather can last for years without needing more oil. Interior applications last even longer, and can easily go for 5 to 10 years or more before needing a light maintenance coat. A post in the kitchen that gets banged up and has hands on it daily will need much more frequent maintenance, but by and large wood that is not touched frequently lasts a very long time.

Remove obvious dirt by sweeping or vacuuming, and wash more stubborn spots with warm water and a good oil soap (Murphy's). Scratches and scuffs can be lightly sanded, then re-oiled. All Land Ark products blend well with the previous coats, which makes spot treating easy. All Land Ark products can be applied right over the top of one another (provided that the wood is clean), without worrying about blending or lap marks. It is also possible to blend minor blemishes with a Scotch Brite or similar pad, with the oil put directly into the pad and rubbed into the scratch.

For added protection on high use areas, consider top coating the surface with Land Ark Non-Staining End Sealer/Liquid Wax. Buff a thin coat of the Liquid Wax in with a terry cloth towel, or an old clean cotton T-shirt. You can also use a car buffer or an angle grinder with a non-abrasive pad or lambswool polisher. This enhances the grain and leaves a nice matted surface with a bit of added sheen. Over time, repair scratches by buffing in more Liquid Wax to those

areas as needed. The wax will help keep the oils in the wood and extend the life of the oil finish below the topcoat.

**Clean Up:** Try not to let drips or other wet areas or items sit for more than a week (things like wet brushes will get stiff). Cleanup is always easiest immediately after application. Land Ark products dry hard, and will be much more difficult to clean after they have started to cure. Use a good solvent like our Pure Citrus Solvent, or mineral spirits, turpentine, paint thinner, etc. You can also use soap, warm water and lots of elbow grease, especially on hands.

**Disposal:** Land Ark Products are biodegradable, but please don't dump them down the sink! Take care not to get them directly into waterways. Let any oily rags air dry outside or in a well-ventilated place and dispose of them in approved waste facilities. These products last indefinitely (if not exposed to open air). If you have extra finish from your project, use the rest on an old barn or shed if possible, or give that old stack of lumber or garden fence posts a longer life. Or just pass on any extra finish you don't want to a neighbor or friend.

**Safety Precautions:** Combustible; harmful if ingested in large quantities. If swallowed do not induce vomiting. Call Poison Control Center, Chemtrec (1-800-424-9300) or a physician immediately. Drink small amounts of milk. In case of fire, extinguish with foam, CO<sub>2</sub>, or dry chemicals. Avoid prolonged breathing of vapors; use with adequate ventilation; do not heat product; keep away from children, pets, and other animals. Use suitable OSHA safety equipment for breathing, skin, and eye contact around organic vapors. Wash hands after use. If you get it on clothes, do not put in the dryer. Apply with clothing you don't mind getting oily. **Disposal of applicators and oily rags:** Place outside until completely dry before disposal in trash receptacle. Do not try to clean in washing machine or dryer.

**Land Ark NW's Limited Liability Warranty:** Because the application and safety procedures of all our products are beyond our control, it becomes the user's sole responsibility to both determine the suitability of our wood finishes for use, as well as insuring the proper use of safety equipment for both the user and those who come in contact with the product or applicators. Therefore, once the user applies our products, we cannot assume any liability; and we view its use as satisfaction with it. We will refund the cost of any unopened, undamaged pails within 30 days after purchase, with a copy of the receipt. Please read all labels before using and call us with your questions or concerns! We hope we meet your expectations. Thank you for trying our product!

**MSDS reports are available upon request. Please feel contact us at any time with your questions or comments.**

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