

Castlebrook Barns

CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Congratulations on your new Castlebrook Barn. We wish you and your horses' years of comfort and enjoyment. As with all manufactured products, your new barn requires a little maintenance in order to protect its lasting beauty for years to come.

Once your barn is installed, the raw wood needs to be sealed as soon as possible. Every day the raw material is exposed to the elements is just another day for the boards to possibly yellow, twist or warp from the sun or rain. To avoid all these things, your options are to stain, varnish, paint, or use any type of sealer you choose. Apply your finish as per the manufacturer's instructions for raw wood applications, and reapply as per the manufacturer's recommendations. If chewing is of concern, you may also apply halt cribbing to the inside of your barn. Halt cribbing is available in both brown and clear.

Keeping the tongue and groove boards tightened is paramount to keeping your barn looking like new. In the first 30 days, you will have some shrinkage of the newly installed boards. It is important to tighten the lumber on your barn after 30 days, again in six months, and on the one-year anniversary of receiving your Castlebrook Barn. These intervals are intended as a guide. Due to varying weather and climate conditions, the time intervals to tighten your barn may vary. Periodically spot check to make sure the boards are tight and there are no gaps. **Remember the best rule of thumb is if you can see any light or small openings in any of the walls, it is time to tighten down the wall. If you do not remedy this immediately then it will only become more difficult to tighten your structure as the spaces in the boards increase thereby causing lumber to warp, cup, bow, and twist.**

To tighten the wood down is a simple process. Simply remove the #14x1 ½" Tek screws at each end of the top board. All screws must be removed that will obstruct the lumber from being tightened, i.e. – x-brace, windows, etc. Place the two short legs of the 'F' tool that has been provided with your barn kit, in the space between the top tube of the wall and the top board at one end. (If the space is not large enough to accommodate the 'F' tool a pry bar may be used as required) Pull down on the long end of the 'F' tool to compress the lumber. A rubber mallet may need to be used to realign boards while the wall is being compressed. While holding the lumber compressed reinstall the #14x1 ½" Tek screws, then remove pressure from the boards. Follow the same steps for the other end of the wall. All gaps between the boards should be eliminated.

Touch up paint has been provided for your barn's framework. It is the responsibility of the owner to keep all steel framework painted from time of installation thru the life of the structure to inhibit rust from forming deteriorating the steel beneath. If any structure is not erected immediately upon delivery, it must be stored in a clean, dry, and safe environment and be protected from all elements of weather.

Your Castlebrook Barn is designed to outlast you and by following the few simple steps outlined above, your barn will stay tight, secure and beautiful for years to come. We thank you for choosing Castlebrook Barns.