

Laminated Benches & Shelving

Care & maintenance post installation



Thank you for choosing Recycled Timbers.

Keep them sealed

Regular resealing of your bench tops is highly recommended. Coating can wear down as time goes on which can be unhygienic and not a particularly good look. We recommend resealing your bench tops every 2 years or so. This will ensure they remain resistant to timber's greatest villain (moisture) and it will also make for hardier stain resistance and easier cleaning.

Minimise heat effects

Sealants can only do so much. Steam and heat must be avoided as much as possible.

Unattractive heat marks can burn onto timber and melt away coating which leaves it vulnerable to further damage and moisture.

Be mindful of steam coming from kitchen ovens and dishwashers and any other sources nearby.

Avoid stains from spills

Bathrooms and kitchen bench tops are susceptible to staining from a variety of domestic products. Wipe up any mess immediately to reduce the damage of the actual coating or sealant.

How to repair damage

Life is messy. If you have noticed damage on your bench tops, there are ways to rescue the quality and extend longevity. Not all damage needs repair. In fact, a 'lived in' look can add to the authentic appeal of timber, so don't stress.

For oiled bench tops, sand back and re-oil. This is a simple process that you can do yourself in your own home.

Evolution hardwax oil:

- **Non-toxic** – food-safe and toy-safe – completely safe for humans, animals and plants.
- **Water resistant** – ideal for all wet areas (kitchen benchtops, bathroom vanities, etc.).
- **Hard-wearing** – ideal for furniture and floors (even high traffic areas) – can last for 5–7 years.
- **High coverage rates** (20–30m² per litre!) – so very economical for use on floors.
- **Micro-porous** – which allows the timber to breathe. It integrates with the timber rather than forming a skin and this prevents cracking.
- **An attractive natural look and feel** – it enhances the grain, bringing out the timber's natural beauty.
- **Easy to maintain** – simply clean with Whittle Wax's Floor Care (which has replenishment properties) to prevent the surfaces from becoming dull.
- **Kind to the environment** – made from natural, sustainable raw materials (such as beeswax, carnauba wax and jojoba oil) – it has no negative effects on our planet.

Sources

1. <https://www.nullarbortimber.com.au/blog/caring-for-your-timber-benchtops>
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