

CARING FOR YOUR NEW WOOD DOOR

AND KEEPING IT
UNDER WARRANTY

JEFFERSON DOOR COMPANY

wants your new door to bring you many years of enjoyment. The following finishing and care tips will increase the life of your door and keep it looking great! As Jefferson Door passes along only the manufacturer's warranty, the following tips will help keep your door protected by those warranties.

The most important steps to take in protecting your door, as well as keeping it functioning properly, are finishing and sealing.

KEEP YOUR DOOR LOOKING NEW

Be sure to **prime and paint or stain and seal all SIX sides** of your door. Not doing so is the most common way to void a manufacturer's warranty.

Finish your door within 72 hours of arriving on the job site. This will prevent your door from absorbing moisture and swelling or warping.

Avoid painting or staining your door a dark color, especially if it is exposed to direct sunlight. Dark colors will absorb the sunlight and significantly decrease the life of your door, as well as **increase the cost of upkeep**.

Wood doors are designed to be installed under an overhang. Not installing your door under an overhang may cause water seepage and absorption. The recommended amount of overhang for a wood door is:

- **For a northern or eastern exposure:**
One Half the distance from the sill to the overhang
- **For a southern or western exposure:**
The entire distance

RECOMMENDED FINISHING

1
step

Begin by lightly sanding your door to remove any roughness, fingerprints, and oils. Once complete, make sure the door is free of dust.

2
step

If you paint, use an oil based primer and two coats of an oil based finish paint. If you stain, it is recommended that you first use a wood conditioner. Stains with polyurethane are not recommended. Once staining is complete, seal all six sides with a Spar Varnish or Spar Urethane.

Whether painting or staining, be sure to finish all six sides as well as behind hinges and in bores and mortises.

3
step

If your door has glass and is exposed to the elements, you must place a cap bead of clear silicone around the perimeter of the glass. Not doing so will void the warranty

4
step

Make sure that there are no gaps where the panels meet the stiles and rails and that all moulding miters are completely finished without gaps. On doors with glass, lap paint or Spar Varnish onto the glass 1/16 of an inch.

SIGNS THAT MAINTENANCE IS DUE

- Hairline cracks in the finish
- Changes in the color of the finish
- Flaking or scaling of the finish
- Dullness or chalkiness of the finish

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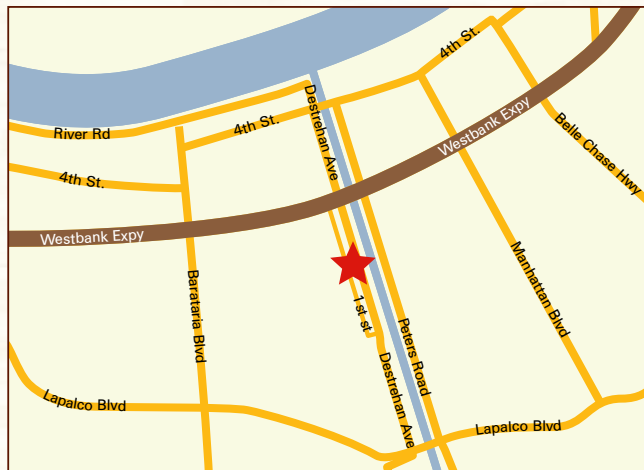
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