



Maintaining Your Bamboo Poles

Your bamboo poles are a great and eco-friendly way to decorate your home or property. And ... a regular maintenance schedule is the best way to protect your bamboo poles.

With proper care, poles from Forever Bamboo can provide years of beauty.

Our bamboo poles are harvested from sustainably managed bamboo forests in SE Asia. As a leader in bamboo poles, Forever Bamboo helped develop the selection, preparation and curing process that helps ensure the highest quality products for your use.

Bamboo is one of the strongest building materials on earth and is eco-friendly from a renewable resource. But this also means that proper installation and care requires a higher level of attention than softer non-sustainable woods.

Consider Sealing Your Poles Before Or After Installation

New Bamboo

- Wipe down pole to remove dust or other contaminants
- Clean pole with mild dish soap and water using a light bristle brush
- Rinse and wait 24 hours before applying

Cleaning Bamboo that is weathered or has mold

Recommended Materials:

- Cleaning Solutions: Combine $\frac{3}{4}$ parts water, $\frac{1}{4}$ parts bleach, or use any environmentally-friendly pole cleaner available from your favorite hardware store: Simple Green™ or Olympic™ Premium Deck Cleaner & Brightener
- Tools : Power Washer (If available) and Sandpaper
- Sealant: TWP® (Total Wood Protector) 300 Series – which includes fungicide and UV inhibitors.

Seal Your Poles Using TWP Series 300 Protector:

1. Spray bamboo liberally with cleaning solution.
2. Allow solution to soak in for 15-20 minutes.
3. Scrub surface with a nylon bristle brush and then wipe away loosened residue with a rag
4. Thoroughly rinse the bamboo pole with a power washer or hose.
5. Allow at least 2 days for the bamboo to air-dry completely.
6. For improved adhesion of the stain, use a rough cleaning pad (3M Scotch Brite®) or 120-150 sandpaper to rough up surface. Wipe down to remove any dust.
7. Apply first coat of TWP weather-protectant containing fungicide and UV-inhibitor.
 - * follow manufacturer's application instructions. See guidelines below:
 - Do not apply below 50° or if rain is expected within 48 hours, or heavy dew is present.
 - Mix thoroughly before applying first coat to bamboo panel using a brush, short-nap roller or spray equipment.

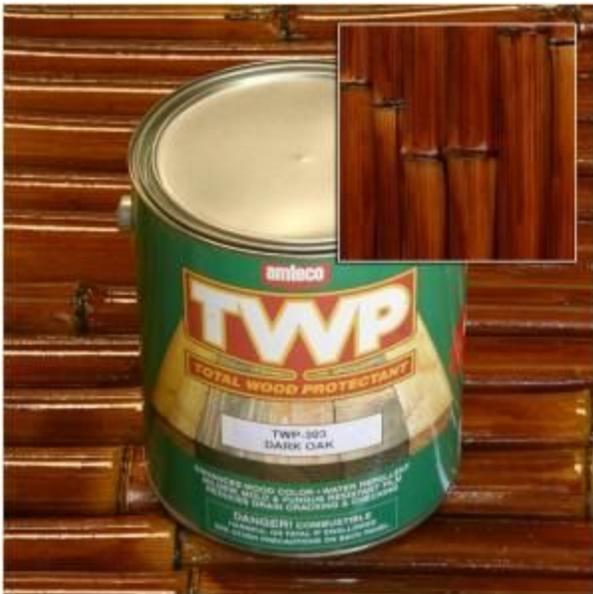


- Avoid exposure to high levels of moisture while the sealant is drying.
- To accelerate dry time, scuff up the tacky TWP® surface of to release entrapped solvents.
- The best finish will be achieved with two coats.
- Allow 3 days for the first coat to dry thoroughly.
- It is recommended to apply a number of light coats to avoid runs.
- Scuff up the first coat of sealant with a bristle brush prior to applying second coat for best results.

Recommended Ongoing Maintenance:

- Annual maintenance depending of climate conditions: Clean and re-seal your poles after the first year.
- Regular maintenance should include cleaning away debris that has buildup around your poles – especially in dark or wet areas. It is a good idea to edge and trim the area around your poles.

Future maintenance: Clean and re-seal your poles every few years, or as needed, depending on the climate conditions in your area.



TWP is the best product to protect your bamboo poles.

While there are other cleaning and sealant products on the market, there is a distinct advantage to using TWP. It has been formulated and tested to ensure maximum performance, especially for bamboo poles.