

# Weather Restrictions: Water Repellents for wood and masonry

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Water repellents are primarily designed to prevent or restrict the penetration of water into a material, hence protecting it from wet/dry cycles as well as the extra damage caused by freeze/thaw cycles when a material is saturated with water. They have little to do with stopping rot or moss. For wood they slow down the aging of the wood by reducing the cracking (checking) and splitting of the wood and if they contain UV filters they can help to slow down the greying of the colour. For masonry they can help to stop spalling, the popping off of the surface caused by ice formation just below the surface. For both they stop barbecue sauce from soaking into a surface, making it far easier to clean it up without leaving a mark. As with paints and stains it is important to remember the cardinal rule for avoiding lap marks with liquid applications -- work wet-on-wet. Click here for doing that outdoors. Click here for a general overview of deck finishes.

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