



Pergolas, Fire Pits & Cedar

Caring for your outdoor living structures.

CEDAR

- Left alone, cedar weathers from honey to silver-gray. That is not damage — it is what cedar does, and plenty of people want it.
- To keep the warm color, it needs a UV-protective exterior stain or sealer. On the Gulf Coast plan on refreshing that roughly every couple of years; full sun and salt air are hard on any finish.
- Rinse it and keep it clear of climbing plants that hold moisture against the wood.
- Check the hardware once a year and snug anything that has backed off. Wood moves with our humidity swings; that is expected.

FIRE PITS

- Burn wood, not construction lumber, pallets or anything treated or painted.
- Let ash cool completely, then remove it. Ash left in the pit holds moisture against the concrete.
- Do not quench a hot fire pit with water. Rapid cooling is what cracks masonry and concrete.
- Expect the inside of the pit to discolor with use. That is soot and heat, not a defect.
- Keep the surrounding slab clear of anything that can catch, and never leave a fire unattended.

GAS FIRE FEATURES

IMPORTANT: If yours runs on gas, have the connection checked by a licensed gas fitter if you ever smell gas, if the flame pattern changes, or after any work is done nearby. Do not modify the burner or the media yourself.

THE CONCRETE UNDERNEATH

- Care for the slab under your pergola or around your fire pit exactly as you would any other finished concrete — rinse, sweep, and reseal on schedule.
- Post bases are metal. Keep mulch and soil from banking up around them so they stay dry.

WARRANTY

Keen warrants our workmanship for one year. Cracking, color variation and efflorescence are inherent to concrete and are excluded — that is written plainly in your agreement rather than hidden in it.

Questions about your slab? Call or text us at 361-420-7726. We would far rather answer a question now than fix something later, and there is no charge for asking.