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### **Old Wood LLC, receiving and installation readiness guidelines**

For extended information, please consult with your trained, licensed, experienced and approved floor installer with NWFA credentials and appropriate state licensing.

**Acclimation:** We make every effort to insure that your flooring is well dried and every board is kiln dried. However, some boards due to sap, position in the kiln, and ambient climactic conditions may be slightly above acceptable moisture levels.

For most applications a moisture range of 5-8% is appropriate. In some more humid environments 8-10% may be proper. Nothing over 10% should be installed unless you are certain it is proper and appropriate for your installation. In some cases, such as with wood blocks in humid areas, our wood will be too dry and will need to humidify before installation to work properly.

You should acclimate to a state of a good year-around average. EMC is Equilibrium Moisture Content and is a good target. This will be explained in NWFA literature and in most moisture meter literature.

**Moisture Meters:** A cheap one is better than no meter at all. Today's cheap meters are yesterdays good ones.

- A surface measurement is just that, it measures the moisture at the surface, and a *probe* type meter needs to be inserted to the center of the wood in an area away from the edges and ends.
- *Inductance* meters, which send waves of sound/energy into the wood, are more common, often inexpensive and measure the core of the sample quite well.

Ryobi and General produce affordable/adequate meters that are usually available at hardware stores and home improvement stores like Lowe's and Home Depot.

Simply leaving wood for a few days in a bundle or pile will do no good whatsoever. Only the boards on the outside will dry/acclimate at all. The wood must be opened up and spread in the dry, heated or air-conditioned room in order for any acclimation to take place. This may take from a day or two to a week. The room should be aired/ventilated and, if desired, fans may help move the air around better to speed up the process.

**Do not install wet or inappropriately dry wood!** Acclimate or contact us.

More information is available at our member association: NWFA, National Wood Flooring Association. A good article is at: <http://www.nwfa.org/ConstructionCanadaInstallation.pdf>

***Please sign and return before your wood is released:***

I have received and understand Old Wood, LLC's **receiving and installation readiness guidelines**

**Name of recipient/project:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_