



## **Antique Beams What You Need To Know**

Thank you for considering antique reclaimed beams from The Woods Company.

Antique beams are frequently used for decorative purposes in new construction and add interest and warmth to both traditional and contemporary interiors, with character and color not seen in new lumber. Antique beams or re-sawn beams from large antique timbers often compliment the use of antique solid wood flooring and period moldings.

Please note that reclaimed beams often show evidences of their previous use as barn structural timbers. Larger beams will usually contain some mortise holes from 2"-4" to 3"-8", shallow notches, 1" or larger pin-holes, drying checks/cracks, worm holes, nail holes, residual paint or white wash and occasional rounded corners or wane and other such characteristics unique to the resource.

We recommend and offer as a service the heat curing of antique beams to condition them prior to use. This process removes some residual moisture (if any) from within the beams and due to kiln temperatures kills any dormant or active wood borer larvae.

We offer pressure washing to clean the beams of dirt or residual white wash. Some minimal jobsite cleaning such as brushing may further be in order to clean beams as well. This process adds only minimal moisture to the outsides of the beams and quickly dries in a day or so.

Beam orders are often filled from our extensive inventory in 2-4 weeks, however we recommend placing order a minimum 30-90 days (depending upon size and quantity) in advance of needing them to allow us time to locate and obtain additional beams if required.

If possible a visit to our mill is recommended to view beam examples.

Please call if we can provide additional information.



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