How Does Mataverde® Premium Machiche Decking or Siding Hardwood Weather?

Most of our clients choose high density hardwood decking or siding because they are so beautiful and last so long. The natural maturing process of exterior hardwoods begins with the raw wood on site. The next step is to protect the surface of the wood with a UV inhibiting finish initially. If you like this look and wish to maintain it, simply re-finish your exterior hardwood as desired (usually annually). Otherwise you may allow your exterior hardwood to weather and mature to a silvery gray patina over time.

FSC® Certified Machiche hardwood has a wide range of natural color variations from medium brown to reddish brown to chocolaty brown tones. Like most high density tropical hardwoods, there will be a wide range of color and grain variations. From exciting striping, quarter-sawn figuring and flat grains there will be many textural variations in the wood grain. These color and grain variations are most noticeable when the wood is newly installed.

Always protect your wood. Protecting exterior hardwoods initially is a critical success factor, even if your goal is to allow it to mellow out to silvery gray over time. Oil finishes work great for decking and are often used for initial UV protection. Oil will darken and enrich the color tones and helps blend the appearance of the wood. If this is the look you’d like to keep, oil it periodically as needed.

Otherwise, simply let the oils weather off and allow your hardwood to fade naturally. When hardwoods age outdoors, the constant exposure to rain, sunlight, wind and weather will break down the lignin on the surface of the wood decking or siding and it will appear to ‘bleach out’ and fade over time. If you change your mind at any time, not to worry. Another coat of sealer will help restore the look of your original wood.

Weathered Wood Option. Depending on the amount of exposure and weather (especially UV rays and rain and dry cycles), the wood will eventually silver out, like driftwood. It usually takes several years of exterior weather exposure to achieve the lovely silvery gray patination. The more sunlight and weather, the faster this process will take. Because of its horizontal exposure to the elements, the face of decking will ‘weather out’ much faster than siding.