



THE BEST COLUMN IS EASY TO SPOT.™



YellaWood®  
**Columns**

**INSTALLATION AND  
HANDLING GUIDE**



# YELLAWOOD® COLUMNS INSTALLATION GUIDE

Replacing porch columns is a fairly easy project, taking only a few hours to finish depending on the skill of the worker, but it should be undertaken only by a properly licensed and qualified professional. Make sure you follow local building codes and select columns that are strength rated to support the structural load they are going to carry. You can find structural load values for YellaWood® columns at [www.yellowoodcolumns.com](http://www.yellowoodcolumns.com) or ask your dealer for details. Read this entire guide and review the YellaWood® Column Lifetime Limited Warranty before you begin installing the columns. The following steps will walk you through the process step by step.



## Tools:

Tape Measure  
Bottle Jack  
Circular Saw or Compound Saw  
Level  
Cordless Drill  
Hammer or Rubber Mallet  
Carpenter's Square

## Safety Equipment:

Gloves  
Goggles  
Dust Mask

## Temporary Support:

4x4  
2x6 or scrap board

**Planning: ⚠WARNING:** Column installation requires at least 2 people



**1.** Place a temporary support next to the column you're replacing. This is accomplished with a bottle jack, a 4x4 and a 2x6. This will brace the roof line for removal of the old column and support the structure. Always be sure that the 4x4, 2x6 and related items have sufficient structural integrity to support the load.

**2.** Remove the old column and measure.

**3.** Measure new column (be sure to account for the added height of the plinth) and cut to the same length as the old.



**4.** Cut using a circular saw or compound saw. Always wear protective eye wear and cut on a stable surface.

**5.** Attach plinth to the end painted yellow. This will be the bottom of your column. The factory-applied end sealant will help reduce moisture absorption.

**6.** Slide new column into position.



**7.** Check for plumb.



**8.** After ensuring that the column supports the load and is stable, remove temporary support.

**9.** Finish with a finishing nail through the top of the column and into the header.



**10.** Prime with an oil-based primer and paint immediately. You can also stain YellaWood® columns with an oil-based stain with water-repellent.

**⚠WARNING:** Use extreme care when installing YellaWood® columns, and ensure that the column and temporary support are secure during installation and that the column is fully secure after installation. **Supported loads (such as roofs), the columns, or the temporary support can fall or move and cause property damage, serious personal injury, or death.**



Dress up your column with some elegant pressure treated moulding. Available in several designer styles, our moulding is treated for long-term protection from the elements and dried after treatment to reduce shrinkage after installation.



YellaWood® columns are kiln dried after treatment, which means they are ready to paint or stain immediately after installation. It also means that they must be kept totally dry prior to being installed. Please read the Handling Guide thoroughly.

YellaWood® columns are treated with a micronized copper preservative. This treatment means you'll enjoy improved painting and staining characteristics, approval for contact with aluminum\*, and peace of mind knowing you've used a product treated with an EPP-certified preservative process that is backed with a lifetime limited warranty against rot, fungal decay and termite attack.

\*In code-compliant construction applications that provide proper water drainage and do not allow the wood to be exposed to standing water or water immersion.



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This product has been Kiln Dried After Treatment (KDAT) and is therefore sensitive to the environment. Because it is dried under controlled circumstances, the natural tendencies of treated wood to shrink, cup and warp are reduced. If allowed to get wet prior to installation, this product will be more likely to swell and expand in width, which could lead to unwanted physical characteristics including twisting and cupping.

Prior to installation, YellaWood® columns should remain elevated off the ground and covered at all times to prevent water absorption.

▲ YellaWood® columns are intended for only residential exterior use and should never be used in commercial, industrial, or agricultural structures or settings, and should never be exposed to salt water. See the YellaWood® Column Limited Lifetime Warranty for additional exclusions.

It is recommended that YellaWood® columns be primed and stained or painted immediately following installation. For best results, it is recommended that you use an oil-based primer and high quality paint or an oil-based stain. If staining, be sure to seal the project as soon as possible.

▲ The columns should be installed only by a properly licensed and qualified professional in accordance with applicable building codes and other laws and in a manner suitable for the specific application.

YellaWood® columns are backed by the YellaWood® Column Limited Lifetime Warranty against rot, fungal decay or termite attack. See dealer and review the warranty for details.

### ▲ Important Information:

- Use fasteners and hardware that are in compliance with the manufacturer's recommendations and the building codes for their intended use.
- Do not burn preserved wood.
- Wear dust mask and goggles when cutting or sanding wood.
- Wear gloves when working with wood.
- Do not use preserved wood as mulch.
- Some preservatives may migrate from the treated wood into soil/water or may dislodge from the treated wood surface upon contact with skin.
- Wash exposed skin areas thoroughly.
- Dispose in accordance with Federal, State and Local Regulations.
- See applicable Material Safety Data Sheet for additional information.

For additional information visit [www.greatsouthernwood.com](http://www.greatsouthernwood.com)

YellaWood® brand pressure treated products are treated with micronized copper quaternary or micronized copper azole using the MicroPro® copper preservative process. Ask dealer for warranty details. Great Southern Wood Preserving, Incorporated, its affiliates and subsidiaries and TSO providers, use Osmose, Inc. wood preserving products, methods, systems and technology in the treatment of YellaWood® brand products. For more information visit [www.osmosewood.com](http://www.osmosewood.com).

For important handling and other information concerning our products or for a copy of the YellaWood® brand Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS), please visit us at [www.greatsouthernwood.com](http://www.greatsouthernwood.com) or write us at P.O. Box 610, Abbeville, AL 36310. YellaWood® and the yellow tag are federally registered trademarks of Great Southern Wood Preserving, Incorporated. The Great Southern Wood Preserving, Incorporated logo and the color yellow on the column ends are trademarks of Great Southern Wood Preserving, Incorporated. MicroPro® is a federally registered trademark of Osmose, Inc. The MicroPro® Treated Wood Process is certified under SCS's Environmentally Preferable Product (EPP) program based on Life-Cycle Assessment.

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