

*"Remember, butterflies count not months but moments, and yet have time enough." –a Bengali poet*



### **Does the Monarch Garden Box Need to Be Sealed?**

The box does not need to be sealed due to the redwood's natural preservative qualities. However, the color will fade over time. If you want to slow the fading or need to freshen an aged box we recommend a high-grade water and U/V resistant **Varathane** brand **Spar Outdoor Urethane**. Apply only to the exterior. If you wish to maintain the wood color you will need to re-apply the sealer once or twice a year. If it is not maintained a light sanding will remove weathering and soil stains. After 2-3 years if you want to refresh the color we recommend staining. (See our method below.) Avoid continuous water from sprinkler systems hitting the box as the hard water in Arizona will significantly degrade its appearance.

### **DO NOT APPLY SEALER OR STAIN TO INSIDE OF THE PLANTING BOX – PRODUCT IS FOR EXTERIOR USE**

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### **Stain and Sealing Information for Monarch Garden Boxes**

Available at most local hardware stores: Varathane Spar Urethane, Exterior.



\$16.98 per quart or \$46.98 per gallon

After 1-2 years you may want to restore some color by applying a stain. A good sanding will be needed to remove any remaining sealer. I do not recommend using any stain color called "redwood" unless you want an unnatural red color. We have found **Behr** brand "**Cedar Naturaltone No. 501**" gives a good result:



About \$17. Per quart

