

Green Streaks Log Homes Near You

■ Taking Care of Business

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Stain reaction

Snow, snow go away, Big Bear Valley residents need to get started on spring cleaning. It's time to re-stain the decks and plant the semi-annuals or add to the xeriscaping.

Maybe this year you're pondering what you can do to make your home more eco-friendly without a complete overhaul, and without having to sell your firstborn.

Conklin Paint and Supplies in Big Bear Lake jumped on board the environmentally-friendly train, adding Sansin Enviro Stains to its shelves. The 25-year-old line of interior and exterior environmentally-friendly wood coatings and sealants meet both the Southern California Air Quality Management District regulations for architectural coatings and newly revised California Proposition 65 requirements. And they look pretty!

For log home owners who particularly need yearly maintenance, or those who like to keep their decks and balconies in tip-top condition, Sansin Enviro Stains offer up to five years staying power. And for those who are just in a hurry, multiple coats can be applied in one day, so you don't have to postpone sipping lemonade in your rocker looking out at your newly-planted flowers.

The product has been on Conklin's shelves for less than two weeks, but sales are already steadily increasing as customers are educated about the upsides of the stain. "You spend a little more and you don't have to do it as often," owner Cliff Conklin says. "It's a no brainer. It doesn't take people too long to figure that out. All I have to do is have them touch the product." It's like money in the planks.

Conklin Paints and Supplies carries Sansin's line of Enviro Stain exterior wood stains, cleaners and sealants, as well as the Purity Interior Glacier. Conklin Paints and Supplies is at 41250 Big Bear Blvd., Big Bear Lake. For more information, call 909-866-3878.

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