**RECLAIMED WOOD VS. OLD GROWTH WOOD**

**ORIGINS**

**RECLAIMED WOOD**
- Reclaimed from agricultural buildings/barns and Industrial Revolution-era factories, these pieces are naturally weathered and show characteristics of their previous life.

**OLD GROWTH WOOD**
- Harvested from fully-matured, fallen or standing dead trees. Specific sawing methods are used to decrease waste and maximize yield.

**SPECIES**

**RECLAIMED WOOD**
- Agricultural buildings/barn woods are available in many species:
  - RED OAK
  - WHITE OAK
  - PINE
  - HEMLOCK
  - WALNUT
  - HICKORY
  - CHESTNUT
- Mixed species are common because the buildings from which they were reclaimed were originally built from whichever species existed on the property.

**OLD GROWTH WOOD**
- Common species include:
  - MALT
  - HICKORY
  - OAK

**TYPES**

**RECLAIMED WOOD**
- Agricultural buildings/barn woods come from:
  - GRAIN BAGS
  - ROOF BOARDS
  - POSTS
  - BEAMS
  - JOISTS
  - SIDING
  - LOFT DECKING

**OLD GROWTH WOOD**
- Factory wood can come from:
  - POSTS
  - BEAMS
  - DECKING
  - STRIP FLOORING

**BENEFITS**

**RECLAIMED WOOD**
- Notable for its durability and sustainability.
- May choose it for its natural patina and/or characteristics from its previous life (red stains, saw marks, etc.).
- Suitable for walls.

**OLD GROWTH WOOD**
- Notable for its density and stability.
- It also is more uniform in color, which can be desirable for many projects.
- Suitable for walls.

**COATINGS**

- Coatings can be used to enrich the appearance of the material and/or increase durability.

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*In this instance, the term "reclaimed wood" refers to utilitarian railroad wood, or material reclaimed from buildings that were built prior to 1900 with third growth and second growth wood. These materials are generally denser and harder than wood harvested today.*

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