THE SIMPLE SOLUTION TO A DIFFICULT PROBLEM

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Whether at home or the cottage, the last thing you want to do after a long winter is spend excessive time and money over the short summer months fixing up your property. But the mountains of melting snow and the lines of crusty salt covering your car, driveway and lawn could force you to do just

that. One of the lasting effects of a winter as harsh as ours is wood rot, and it can affect the wood siding on the cottage, the posts at the front of your home, and even the deck, door jams and window frames – anywhere wood comes into contact with water.

When this happens - through snow, lake water, marshy wetlands or even rain - the wood swells. In the process of decomposition, algae and fungus form and grow, breaking down the wood. The flaky, dewy wood is an ugly, hard-to-tackle problem, and replace-





ment is often an expensive, labour-intensive undertaking.

That's where Rhino Wood Repair comes in: developed and produced in Breslau, Ontario, the solvent-free, epoxy-based putty is a wood-lover's dream. It's a tough, permanent fix. Once set, it's three times stronger than Douglas Fir or Pine, and completely useable.

It's so strong that once set, you can even nail and screw into it.

"I really wanted to make this as easy and

as affordable as possible for the consumer," said Robin Pixner, developer of Rhino Wood Repair. "It's not just a repair - it's an easy, top-of-the-line, permanent fix."

The professional-grade product is simple enough to use, making it the perfect product for the do-it-yourself home

owner, as well as the skilled contractor. Simply spray the wood with Bio-Treat, an environmentally-friendly fungus and algae treatment solution, and fill in the cracks and cavities with the Rhino Wood Repair system. It can then be sanded, texturized to match the original wood grain, and stained or painted.

Rhino Wood Repair is available in all-inone kits for the home, or large pails for contractor use. Look for it at Home Hardware and Home Hardware Building Centres, or call 519-648-1219 to order.

