

Species Characteristics and Drying - *iDRY Plus & iDRY Standard

The chart below is to be used strictly as a guide only and does not guarantee any outcome with respect to drying times, configurations, quality or difficulty drying different species of wood. Wood species characteristics and drying times vary greatly based on many factors including but not limited to moisture content, geography, cutting methods, weather and so on. Green Maple that is 1” thick typically dries in approximately 1 week (will vary) and is the baseline species for relative drying times in a Plus or Standard.

			Typical Drying TIME and Difficulty			
Species	Typical Characteristics	Typical Configuration				
Maple		Standard				
Ash		Standard				
Pine	High water content	Low power and or low temperate with 12 hour drain cycle. Set the pitch at the end with high power and or higher temperature with 24 hour drain cycle.				
Cedar	High water content	12 hour drain cycle				
Hemlock	High water content	12 hour drain cycle				
Walnut*	Grain structure provides roadblocks that prevent water from moving in all directions and lead to water pockets.	From green, low power and or low temp with drain cycle to 24 hours until moisture content is below 25%. Once below 25%, high power and or high temp with drain cycle at 48 hours.				
Red Oak	Lots of free water, tends to dry too fast which can have negative impacts on quality.	Air dry to 25% moisture content before putting in the kiln. 48 hour drain cycle If drying from green, dry on low power mode and or low temp with drain cycle at 48 hours. Once moisture content is below 25% then switch to high power mode and or high temp and keep drain cycle at 48 hours.				
White Oak	Very dense and hard to dry.	Air dry to 25% moisture content before putting in the kiln. 48 hour drain cycle If drying from green, dry on low power mode and or low temp with drain cycle at 48 hours. Once moisture content is below 25% then switch to high power mode and or high temp and keep drain cycle at 48 hours.				

*Not "Claro Walnut."

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