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## Local wooden bowls and turned goods

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After moving to Whidbey Island, I extended my passion for foraging to wood. I don't fell trees for the wood, but rather I find them—across my driveway, fallen back in the forest, or removed for safety at a friend's house—and do what I can to expose their beautiful grain in a useful product. My goal is for people to treasure the beautiful tree long past its death.

These wooden bowls were turned green, still wet with sap rather than dried for several months. When the green wood dries it shrinks, causing the bowl to warp into an individually unique shape. Many of my bowls are left unsanded for a rustic look that encourages use. I finish them with walnut oil and beeswax that hardens to a durable food-safe finish.

You can restore the finish with walnut oil at any time. Simply apply walnut oil with your hands or a clean rag, let sit for 5 minutes, and wipe away the excess. This is purely aesthetic as the new coat of oil only affects the outer surface rather than penetrating the wood which is already filled with hardened oil. I prefer to let my bowls wear into a beautiful patina from regular use. Oatmeal with blueberries grinds a smooth surface with a pleasant purple color.

To clean your bowl, just scrub it with soapy water and let it dry. I do not recommend putting your wooden bowl in the dishwasher or the microwave as the high heat may cause it to crack.

I hope your new bowl brings you many years of joy!