

Myrkwood Mushrooms

Caring for your new mushroom garden

Mushrooms Logs

Logs need to be consistently watered in between rains – at least every two weeks minimum, and more often in Summer. We will ensure they are properly located in a shady area, but they must be kept from drying out. Consider using a tarp if you cannot water regularly. Log species such as shiitake and lion's mane take some patience! After about 6-12 months you will see the ends of the logs colonize with mycelium (white stuff.) At this point you can let them fruit naturally on their own or induce a flush of mushrooms by dunking them in water for 12-24 hours. A creek or 55 gallon drum works well for this. If you decide to dunk again, you need to wait 6-8 weeks in between dunks. The average log I sell will fruit for 1 year per inch diameter of wood and yield around 1-2 lbs. per log per year.

Mushroom Beds

Mushrooms beds are very low maintenance. You should be able to see mycelium colonizing the substrate in a matter of weeks, especially with oyster mushrooms. A network of white mats will form under the surface layer and often smell nice! Once again, water in between rains, but species such as oysters and wine caps are very rigorous and adaptable. If the weather is wet and warm, you will see mushrooms in about 6-8 weeks. For the standard beds I make, you will get ~1 lb. flushes every few weeks for up to 9 months before it needs to be respawned. I like to use spent oyster mushroom substrate for feeding other mushrooms or as compost!

Disclaimer: if you are unsure of the identity of a mushroom, do not eat it. Myrkwood is happy to help you sort out any ID questions but is not responsible for the consumption of misidentified fungi. Always cook mushrooms thoroughly.

“Don’t munch on a hunch!”

