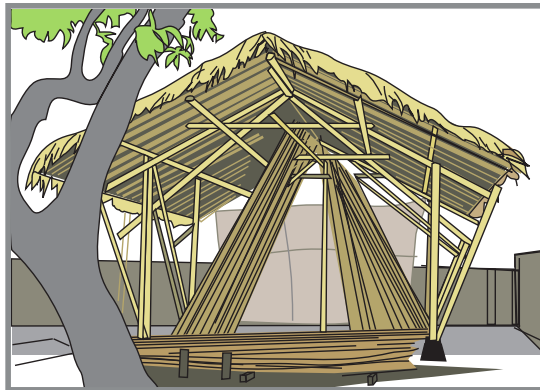


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Leave the bamboo for a minimum of one hour in the basin for the solution to fully drain out of culms into the sump hole. Pump leftover solution back into container through a filter for re-use. The filter should be regularly changed. Hydrometer testing of the re-use solution will be inaccurate because of the added bamboo sugar content (see appendix page 23). Wipe down the whole culm to remove excess solution.

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Dry the bamboo for 4-6 weeks depending on humidity conditions in a well ventilated, covered area. It must be in the shade; hot sun splits the culms. Make sure that they are not exposed to rain which could wash out the preservative.