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# Acacia Wood Furniture Customer Guide

#### Acacia Wood:

Wood is a living material and Acacia wood is mostly used for outdoors, so it's bound to be exposed to various elements. When exposed to rain or humid environments it will expand. When exposed to sun or dry air environment it will contract. Exposure to these elements can cause minor cracks, chips, peels, or splinters in your Acacia furniture. This process is called warping. This process is natural and unavoidable. However, with regular maintenance which involves cleaning, sanding and oiling you can maintain your Acacia furniture and increase its life for years.

### Maintenance of Acacia Wood:

The Acacia furniture is pre-treated with hardwood oil and will last for 3-6 months. After this period, follow the maintenance instructions:

Clean your furniture with warm soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry with a clean cloth or sponge.

Allow furniture to air dry completely for at least 24 hours.

Once the furniture is completely dry, use a fine-grade sand paper to remove any rough patches.

Using a clean brush evenly apply a first coat of CLEAR hardwood/teak wood oil to the furniture, if necessary apply a second coat after approximately one hour.

We recommend this treatment to be repeated once to twice a year.

#### Covers:

We recommend buying protective covers that go on your furniture while outdoors.

Ideally, you will want to store your furniture when not in use. However, this is not always practical so the next best thing is to use waterproof covers that also block UV rays.

Most covers are made of synthetic materials and come with adjustable straps and fasteners to hold them in place.

However, avoid covering the furniture with protective covers for long intervals, as this can cause mold or mold attacks on the furniture.

#### Protective Surfaces:

Lastly, consider placing protective surfaces on the bottom of your furniture legs to keep your furniture looking its best and keep them for years. Acacia furniture is made of wood and wood can rot. Your furniture legs are especially vulnerable because they rest on surfaces that get wet. To prevent rot from affecting your furniture from below and up, try placing rubber caps on the bottom.

## Storage During Winter:

Wood shrinks and expands after humidity, this is natural. The furniture is designed according to the climate we usually have in the summer. When storing the furniture, do not place in centrally heated rooms as this will cause the wood to dry out and possibly shrink. Cool, well-ventilated sheds are the most suitable environment for the furniture.

Follow these maintenance instructions and your furniture will provide years of use.

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