

Garden Trading®

Acacia Wood Furniture Customer Guide

Acacia Wood:

Your beautiful wooden furniture is lovingly crafted in acacia, a living material that responds to different conditions. Placed in rainy or humid environments, acacia is likely to expand; if exposed to sunlight or dry air, it will contract. Host environments can cause minor cracks, chips, peels, or splinters in your furniture. This process is called warping, which is natural and unavoidable. However, regularly cleaning your furniture with a soft, moistened cloth can help to maintain the wood and increase its life for years.

Maintenance of Acacia Antique Brushed Finishing:

Small scratches may blend into the existing finish of your furniture and add to its character. If a deep scratch develops in the surface of your furniture, obtain a wood repair stain, marker or stencil in a colour that best matches the acacia. Follow the manufacturer's instructions to carefully match the colour of the exposed wood in the scratch to your furniture's overall finish, to reduce its appearance. Do not sand down your furniture; a five-step finish has been applied by professionals during its production. Sanding your furniture will remove its top layers and expose the lighter coloured acacia underneath, damaging it permanently. If you would like to restore the finish of an entire piece, please seek the help of a professional restorer.

Covers:

A protective covering will keep externally positioned acacia furniture in peak condition throughout the winter. Typically constructed from synthetic materials and supplied with adjustable straps and fasteners to hold them in place, most outdoor furniture covers are waterproof, UV resistant and feature vents to allow excess moisture to escape easily. Please note that it is advisable to avoid covering your wooden furniture for long time periods, as this can cause mould to develop.

Storage:

To protect it from the elements, we recommend storing outdoor furniture in a cool, well-ventilated shed over the winter months. Indoors, wooden furniture should not be positioned directly next to a heat source such as a radiator, fireplace or in constant direct sunlight.

When relocating your furniture, it is essential to minimise rapid changes in temperature to allow the acacia to acclimatise in its new environment. This is achieved by keeping room temperatures as low as possible, increasing them gradually during the first couple of months. Any underfloor heating should also be retained at its minimum level to allow the wood to settle in.

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