

Garden Trading®

Teak Wood Furniture Customer Guide

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Your new furniture is lovingly crafted from reclaimed teak wood, a prized timber sustainably sourced from Indonesia. Known for its strength, durability, and rich natural brown tones, teak is a material that balances both beauty and practicality.

Furniture made from recycled wood gives new life to old materials such as framework, columns, or pillars from historic Indonesian buildings. This reclaimed timber often carries traces of its past life, such as nail holes or remnants of old joints. These imperfections tell a story, adding character and charm to each piece, making it truly one-of-a-kind.

We embrace sustainable practices by employing handmade production methods. Simple tools and low-energy machines are used, avoiding heavy machinery that consumes significant energy. Additionally, no chemicals are used in processing the wood – it undergoes a natural, eco-conscious preparation process.

Caring for Your Teak Wood Furniture

Teak wood outdoor furniture is renowned for its durability and timeless beauty, but with proper care, it will maintain its charm for years to come. Here are the key care tips:

Allow the Natural Patina to Develop (Optional).

Teak naturally weathers to a silver-grey patina over time due to exposure to sunlight and rain.

Many people love this look, but if you prefer the original honey-gold tone:

- Apply a teak sealer annually to maintain your furniture's colour and add protection.
- Place it in a shaded spot, keeping it out of direct sunlight for added protection.
- **Regular Cleaning.**

Keep your furniture clean to prevent dirt and mildew build-up:

- Use a soft brush and mild soap with warm water to scrub the surface gently.
- Rinse thoroughly with clean water and let it air dry.
- Avoid using chemicals or pressure washers, as they can damage the wood.
- **Protect During Harsh Weather.**

Although teak is weather-resistant, extra protection helps extend its life:

- A water and UV-resistant protective cover helps to shield furniture from harsh weather conditions. Ensure your furniture is completely dry before using a cover and avoid leaving it on for extended periods, as this can trap moisture and lead to mould. Let your furniture breathe whenever possible.
- Move furniture into a cool, well-ventilated shed or covered area, if possible, especially in freezing conditions. If moving indoors, store your teak furniture away from direct heat sources, such as radiators or fireplaces, and avoid constant exposure to direct sunlight. When moving furniture to a new environment, let it acclimatise gradually to prevent stress on the wood. Minimise underfloor heating to the lowest level during this adjustment period, maintaining low room temperatures initially, then increasing them slowly over a few months.

Your reclaimed teak wood furniture is more than just a piece of décor – it's a connection to craftsmanship, sustainability, and history. With a little care and attention, it will remain a cherished part of your home or garden for many years.

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