

Garden Trading®

Teak Furniture Customer Guide

Teak furniture can be left outdoors to weather naturally. Untreated, teak will slowly attain a natural silver-gray patina. This is a purely cosmetic change and will not affect the integrity of the furniture.

If the wood is exposed to rain, the wood surface will become slightly wavy and rough, as the wood shrinks and expands due to humidity. This is a normal process.

Care and maintenance:

To prolong the life of your teak furniture, we recommend the following care regimes.

General maintenance:

Use a soft bristled utility brush and stroke lightly in the direction of the grain to remove surface dust. For more stubborn dirt, the wood may be cleaned with a mild solution of laundry detergent or washing up liquid, then rinsed thoroughly and allowed to dry completely. Avoid the use of harsh cleaners and abrasives.

Colour maintenance:

To maintain the original colour of the teak, we recommend treating the wood with a teak oil. Teak oil provides some UV protection; however, it will require periodic reapplications – once or twice per year depending on the amount of exposure to the sun. After treating the furniture, we would still recommend bringing it indoors during inclement weather or when not in use for long periods of time.

If left untreated the furniture will still turn grey over time which is normal. To bring it back some of the original colour, gently sand the surface of the wood down with 240 grit sandpaper. Once sanded, some delicate grey highlights may still be visible, leaving the furniture with a semi rustic look. The wood can then be treated with oil or left as it is.

Storage and long-term care:

Over the winter months we recommend storing your teak furniture indoors, in a garden shed, garage or an outhouse. However, avoid moving the furniture from cold environment straight into a heated room, as the sharp change in temperature and humidity may cause the wood to split. Make sure the furniture is completely dry before storage and do not cover the wood with plastic without breathing holes, as this can cause mould.

For furniture with soft cushions, store those separately from the wooden frames to avoid trapping any moisture or deforming the cushions.

After long periods of use, please check and re-tighten any visible screws.

If the furniture is positioned on grass, the wooden legs may absorb moisture which could cause deterioration.

Never place hot dishes directly on to the wood as they will mark the surface.

Wipe up spills immediately as the raw or oiled surface is susceptible to stains and the wood will absorb moisture causing the grain to rise.

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