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CARE GUIDE
BY DIRECT OUTDOOR LIVING



This care guide will guide you on how to get the best from your Direct Outdoor Living garden furniture.

Teak Care

The Teak used in our products is highly durable and treated with a weather proof finish to help our garden furniture stand the test of time. With its high level of natural oils, Teak has got the natural quality of self protection which makes it perfect for outdoor use and renowned for being low maintenance. However, due to the furniture being exposed to dirt and dust regular maintenance of your Teak furniture is important to keep it in tip top condition, to avoid the dirt from penetration the wood and leaving stains and to prolong its life.



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To do a basic clean on your Teak garden furniture we advise you to softly scrub the furniture with a clean wet cloth / sponge and mild soapy water, then wash the soap suds off with a hose and dry it off with a clean towel. We suggest that this should be done every 1-2 weeks on a sunny day to help dry the furniture off quicker.

We **do not** advise the use of a power washer as this could damage the furniture and roughen the surface of the wood.

Although our Teak furniture is mould and mildew resistant, it is not impossible for your furniture to be affected by it - this is not problematic. To remove mould or mildew growth or musty odours, we advise the use of a small amount of white vinegar or a specialised cleaning product for Teak furniture.

Any spillages should be wiped up as soon as possible to avoid any staining e.g. Red wine. To remove stubborn stains, the use of copper or brass wool (avoid any harder wools to avoid scratching) or the use of stain removers designed specifically for Teak furniture. However, it is important to only use these specialised cleaners only when needed and not for your routine cleaning as they are made of harsh chemicals which could damage your furniture over time, removing its natural oils. If you are unable to remove stubborn stains, gentle sanding the furniture in the stained area is also an option however this will remove a thin layer of wood and should only be used as a last resort. If you do this, and your furniture has already changed colour due to the elements, the sanded area will appear a different shade – this will soon be evened out by the sun.

To preserve your Teak furniture's original colour, it is recommended that a silicone based Teak sealant is used periodically. You will need to clean your furniture and ensure it is fully dried before you apply the sealant to avoid trapping any dirt or moisture underneath the sealant which could cause mould growth. The use of Teak oil can destroy the Teak's natural protective oils and your furniture will then need to be oiled regularly to keep the furniture suitable for outdoor use where as Teak sealant does not affect the wood's natural oil and does not have to be used as often.

Weather Resistance

All of Direct Outdoor Living's garden furniture products are produced to a high standard to ensure they stand the test of time. Although they go through a thorough manufacturing process, we strongly recommend that your furniture is stored away or covered (with a waterproof, breathable cover) during the winter months to protect it from the harsh winter weather.

Please note: all furniture must be completely dried before putting into storage or being covered to ensure no mildew or mould growth.

To help prolong the life of your garden furniture we recommend the use of a cover to protect your product from severe rain.

Please note: When moving your furniture, please lift and not drag to avoid any damage to the furniture and the area it has been placed.



*Thank you for choosing
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