

HOLLY HUNT COLLECTION

GREAT OUTDOORS FURNITURE

CARE AND MAINTENANCE GUIDE

Teak (*Tectona grandis*), is a deciduous hardwood renowned for its elegance, durability, and longevity even under severe climate conditions. An extremely dense wood and rich in natural oils, teak furniture is naturally water and insect repellent. Teak naturally weathers to a beautiful silvery patina if exposed to the elements.

All new teak wood will undergo a process where the natural oils of the wood rise to the surface. This process is natural and cannot be prevented. It allows dirt and residue to stick to the oil on the surface of the wood. The furniture should be cleaned by scrubbing the surface with a non-abrasive brush and using a solution of mild detergent and water. Rinse the furniture well and let it dry in the sun. **All of the finishes that we offer require this general maintenance.** Additional maintenance requirements for specific finishes and our outdoor cushions are described below.

Natural Finish:

This is the standard finish for our furniture and is the natural wood that has been sanded. This finish will eventually weather to a silvery patina, but can be restored by sanding with fine grain sandpaper (320 grit). Always sand in the direction of the wood grain and wipe off the dust with a clean, dry cotton cloth.

Weathered Finish:

This option is for those who want the silvery grey patina of weathered teak without waiting for the time and the elements to do their work. Both the Weathered and the Natural finishes require the same level of maintenance. Sanding or abrasive cleaning of this finish will return the wood to the natural color of teak. The sun and natural elements will eventually create the silvery patina again.

Oiled Finish:

This finish is significantly darker than the Natural finish. Note that in order to maintain the oiled finish, sanding and reapplication of the oil is recommended as often as every 6 months. The frequency of maintenance required to maintain this finish will depend on the climate and pollution, as well as the length of time the furniture has been exposed to the elements.

Outdoor Cushions:

Our cushions are constructed with soft density EZ-Dri poly foam with a Dacron wrap, and are appropriate for use outdoors. They are designed for water to flow through the cushion for quick drying. The cushions will not mildew; however, it is essential for the fabric to be cleaned regularly as mildew can grow on dirt and organic residue. Stains can occur on cushions from the natural oils that rise to the surface of teak, some of which can be removed with cleaning. It is not recommended that the foam is removed from the cover for cleaning. The foam is compressed by machine and then inserted, hence making it very difficult to put the cover back on and achieve the same neat appearance. To clean premium outdoor fabrics, a solution of mild detergent and water can be used (please be sure to follow manufacturer guidelines). Use a sponge with the cleaner and rinse the furniture with warm water.

Metal Bases:

The metal bases that are used on our Great Outdoors furniture are made in either powder coated aluminum or polished stainless steel. They can be cleaned using a solution of mild soap and water.