



CARE INSTRUCTION

TEAK WOOD:

Teak is a durable wood that can be used for both indoor and outdoor furniture. Proper maintenance is important to keep your teak furniture looking beautiful year after year. We recommend keeping your teak furniture clean and free of debris. Washing it is simple, and doing so will avoid the buildup of dirt, and keep your furniture fresh and clean. We like to compare teak furniture care with how you care for your car that is kept outside, keep it clean and cared for, and it will last longer.

1. Remove all cushions and anything non teak including leaves and other debris.
2. Rinse the item thoroughly with a hose on a medium setting. Do not use a strong pressure setting, this will damage the wood.
3. Mix a small amount of the solution with water in a bucket.
4. Put the brush in the mixture and then gently begin scrubbing your furniture.
5. Start off with a small area to make sure the solution does not damage the teak.
6. When cleaning, scrub with the grain, not against it.
7. Make sure to gently scrub in between cracks and in corners.
8. Brush diligently but not too harsh as to make sure to not damage the wood.
9. After cleaning, rinse the solution off and then let it rest and wait for it to dry.
10. Use drying cloth or let dry naturally with sunlight.

CUSHION

Most types of outdoor fabrics undergo special treatments to make them resistant to water, UV rays, and mould and mildew. While these treatments make outdoor cushions more durable, they aren't indestructible and can still be affected by the elements. Here are a few ways you can protect your patio furniture.

Sun Protection

While most outdoor furniture is designed to resist UV rays, too much sun exposure can fade fabric over time. The sun can also weaken wood and plastic furniture frames.

There are several ways to protect your furniture from the damaging effects of the sun. The simplest is to just move your outdoor furniture to a shady or covered area when not in use. You can also use a spray-on fabric guard to help prevent your cushions from fading.

Rain and Snow Protection

Water-resistant fabric is designed to keep most moisture at bay, but leaving your outdoor furniture out in the rain all the time will cause wear. Water-resistant isn't the same as waterproof, so moisture can get into your cushions if they're often saturated and not allowed to dry thoroughly.

Cover your patio furniture beforehand if wet weather is expected. If cushions are left out in the rain or snow, be sure to shake off all the excess water as soon as possible. Then leave them out to air dry completely.

Allowing moisture to sit in the fabric can cause mould and mildew to grow. Even fabric that has undergone antimicrobial treatment can develop mould if left in a damp environment for too long.

How to Clean Your Outdoor Furniture Cushions

Different types of outdoor fabric require different cleaning approaches. Before you begin, it's important to refer to the manufacturer's care instructions. You can usually find this information on the product's tag or on the company's website.

Many types of outdoor furniture can be cleaned effectively with mild soap and water. Read on to learn the most effective step-by-step approach to cleaning outdoor cushions.

Remove Surface Debris

The first step in cleaning your patio cushions is to remove all the debris on the surface. This means all the dirt, dust, leaves, and other muck that accumulates over time. You can use a soft brush or a vacuum cleaner with an upholstery attachment. For more stubborn dirt, use a wet cloth to scrub it out of the material.

Washing Outdoor Fabric

Although outdoor furniture is designed to be resilient, it will still benefit from a good washing every so often. Some types of outdoor cushions can be machine washed, but not all can. Refer to the care instructions to avoid damaging your cushion.

Use Mild Soap

Most types of outdoor fabrics can be washed with mild soap and water. You can either submerge the cushion completely or scrub difficult spots with a rag or sponge.

For really set-in spots, allow the soap and water to soak in before trying to scrub it out. Repeat this as needed.

Dry Thoroughly

Be sure the cushions dry completely after washing. You can remove most of the excess water with a towel or a hairdryer, then leave the cushions out to air dry in a sunny place, if possible. Drying your outdoor cushions thoroughly after washing is essential for preventing mould and mildew.

Removable Covers and Liners

Outdoor cushions with removable covers and liners are very easy to clean. They can often be machine washed, and they help to protect the interior of the cushion from dirt and moisture.

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Outdoor furniture cushions can develop mould and mildew to grow. Even fabric that is weather-resistant can develop mould if left in a damp environment for too long. If weather is expected, cushions are left out in the rain, excess water as soon as possible. Then leave cushions to dry.

You can machine wash removable covers with mild laundry detergent and cool or cold water. Either allow them to air dry or tumble dry on a low setting, depending on the fabric and the care instructions.

To wash your cover by hand, use 1/4 cup of dish soap and 1 gallon of warm water. Rinse out the soap thoroughly and allow the cushion to air dry.

Cleaning Mould and Mildew

Even outdoor cushions with antimicrobial fabrics can be susceptible to mould and mildew if they are allowed to remain wet for too long. Any signs of mould and mildew should be cleaned immediately. Mould and mildew have a very unpleasant smell, and the spores are unhealthy to breathe in or touch.

Bleach

Mould and mildew can be removed with a solution made of one part bleach, one part water, and two parts mild laundry soap. Scrub the cushion with a sponge to remove the mould or mildew and then rinse and dry completely.

Be careful when using bleach on your furniture, and only use it in a well-ventilated area. Make sure to test the solution on a small patch of the material before using it on the whole cushion. This will avoid discolouring or damaging the fabric.

Borax

If you prefer to avoid using bleach, you can use borax instead. Borax is a good cleaning alternative for fabrics that can't be cleaned with bleach. It's also less harsh and doesn't have strong fumes.

Use Caution

Always use caution when working with mould, mildew, and cleaning chemicals. Wear gloves, goggles, and a safety mask for protection. Make sure there are no children or pets in the area.

Regular Cleaning

Even if your cushions don't look dirty, it's a good idea to give them a thorough cleaning at least once a season. This will help you stay one step ahead of big problems like mould and insects. Keeping up with these tips will help preserve your outdoor furniture for the long run.

METAL FRAMES

Patio furniture with a metal frame is sturdy and reliable, but it still needs regular maintenance. To get rid of dirt and grime, metal furniture can be cleaned with soap and water as needed.

To remove problems like rust stains and mould, use a wire brush or fine-grit sandpaper. Touch up the paint in places where it's worn away, or give the whole piece a fresh coat every few years.