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How to Care for Teak Furniture

We thank you for your decision to choose Mountain House Furniture. Teak is unique to other woods and not only is it a strong, durable hardwood, it produces its own oil and has a high wax content. It is the ideal material for outdoor furniture as the teak oil makes it waterproof and undesirable to wood-eating insects. This means it can withstand being left outside in the rain, wind or sun. It is worth the investment as not only is it an eye catching addition to your outdoor set, it is extremely long lasting with the proper care.

Mountain House Furniture pieces in particular are built with a unique style and are able to withstand any weather conditions. Look through a variety of our collections all featuring Indonesian A-Grade teak frames, such as the Borneo and Teak Collections.

To keep your investment looking fresh and clean, we recommend you clean the surface as often as possible. We also recommend covering outdoor furniture if left outside for long periods. To maintain the golden tone of the teak, we recommend sealing the teak with a sealer.

Teak is an extremely easy wood to care for and you can choose how much care you want to put into these pieces. With less maintenance, (only a cleaning once every so often) the wood will take on a dignified silver-grey patina while not affecting the structural integrity of the wood. This aged patina look is a sought after trend that, with teak, requires no effort to obtain. Those who want to keep the teaks golden honey color can follow a few simple care instructions.

To get the patina look, teak requires very little to no maintenance, just an annual cleaning to keep it in top condition. A solution of dish soap and water can be used, scrubbing with the grain for best results. There are also specially formulated teak cleaners which clean and brighten the wood. These can be used for the annual cleanings as well. This can be done prior to the outdoor season and then only needs an occasional dusting to keep it clean.

Using a teak sealant is recommended over teak oil as it preserves the natural hues of the teak and does not encourage moisture build up. It also only needs to be applied once a year making it a great minimal maintenance option.

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Spill Care

If something is spilled on the teak surface during use, we recommend the following steps to clean the spill/stain:

Step 1 – First clean the stains with a dry towel

Step 2 – Grind the teak top with sandpaper

Step 3 – When possible, reapply teak sealer to area that was sanded

Recent Spill



Freshly Cleaned Area



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Long Term Maintenance

Over time, if the table has not had a sealer applied or is exposed to direct sunlight for long periods of time, a silver-grey patina will naturally develop. This can be remedied by following the steps below.



Step 1 – Grind the teak top with sandpaper. This might require more strokes/work than just cleaning a spill due to the longer exposure to the elements

Step 2 – When possible, reapply teak sealer to area that was sanded



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Sealer Application

To keep the teaks natural color an annual treatment is recommended.

Step 1 - Wash the teak furniture thoroughly with a dish soap and water solution with a soft bristle brush, going with the grain.

Step 2 - Allow to dry in the sun for two weeks to open up the grain before moving to the next step.

Step 3 - Spray with a teak sealant then rub the sealant into wood with a lint free cloth.

Keep in mind that Teak Sealant will preserve the color that the teak has at the time of the sealer application. Applying sealer when the teak has its deep honey color, means that the teak will not age to the patina look. You can, however, apply the sealer after the teak has aged to preserve the desired antiquated look.

Recommend Sealer

