



Care Instructions

Teak



Our teak is delivered in its natural condition and untreated.

Over time & with exposure to the elements, teak develops a soft grey patina. If this is the look you prefer, simply clean your teak every spring (or every few years – you do not need to baby this furniture).

- Clean with a medium grade nylon brush and a small amount of liquid detergent, mixed with 3 tablespoons of household bleach dissolved in a bucket of warm water. This will remove dirt, air pollution and mildew, and will brighten the teak markedly.
- Rinse thoroughly.

If you prefer to maintain the original teak color, follow the cleaning with an application of teak sealer (available at BYL) **after** the teak has been allowed to dry, simply spray the sealer on with a pump spray bottle or rub on with the provided cloth and wipe off.

DO NOT OIL TEAK – because of the density of the wood, and the naturally high oil content, oil will sit on the surface of the wood, and get gummy, leaving a film that prevents the wood from breathing properly, and promoting mildew growth.

Frequently asked questions

Q: What's the expected lifespan?

A: Decades – you'll likely pass this down to your kids. Teak benches lining public gardens throughout England have been there for well over 100 years.

Q: Do you offer cushions?

A: Yes – Gloster has a full line of cushions custom-fit for every piece.
We also order them through Classic Cushions.

Q: Does it go gray? Does it splinter?

A: Over a year or two, it will lighten & change to a soft gray. Over time, the furniture develops 'checking' (small cracks along the end grain). You see it best at the end of any cut piece. Checking is normal; it always happens with any raw wood when it is cut. Both the gray and checking are normal – remember, teak has been used for centuries.

Q: Bees are attacking my teak! What do I do?

A: Rub Avon Skin So Soft or Aniseed oil on the area.