



CARE AND MAINTENANCE – HARDWOODS

We use a variety of hard wood timbers for our products, all of which are suitable for outdoor conditions.

Wood furniture that is under cover requires minimal maintenance. However if it is totally exposed to the outdoor elements it will require regular maintenance

It is important to understand that wood is a natural product, it will expand and contract with temperature changes. Small surface cracks may appear due to the changes in temperature and humidity. This will not affect the strength or durability of the furniture. The colour of the wood will change when exposed to direct sunlight and over time the colour variations will even out. Eventually changing to a dark or light weathered grey.

ROUTINE CLEANING:

Wipe the furniture regularly with a damp cloth to prevent dust, pollens and other pollutants from penetrating into the wood grain.

Clean the furniture with a soft brush and a mild, warm soapy solution. Wet the wood first and scrub the surface in the direction of the grain. Avoid using ammonia based detergents like Handy Andy

REMOVING STAINS – always remove potential stains as soon as possible.

New wood is susceptible to staining.

Remove watermarks by wetting the wood and wiping off the excess, and the marks should disappear as the wood dries.

Remove serious stains like those caused by the likes of coffee, wine and oils by wetting the area first and scrubbing with a hot soapy solution. Alternatively use a mixture of one part white Vinegar to three parts warm water. If the stain persists, wait until the wood is dry and lightly sand out the stain. Always sand in the direction of the wood grain.

The wood will become less prone to staining as it weathers and ages.

MAINTENANCE

- The frequency of maintaining your wood furniture will depend on its location.
- If it is under full cover, almost no maintenance is required.
- If it is under partial cover as in an area that is covered but receives morning and afternoon sun; it may require maintenance every 2-3 years.
- If it is totally and permanently exposed to the elements it may require maintenance every twelve months or so. You should be able to see if the wood is really stressing and needs maintenance.

We recommend using either Timberlife Satinwood 28 or Woodoc 30 for maintaining hardwood furniture. They are available from most Hardware stores. They are low gloss clear sealers with UV inhibitors, and oils that feed the wood and they have water repellent properties.

Clean your wood furniture thoroughly with mineral turpentine and scrubbing the surface with steel wool. When the surface is dry, wipe it down with mineral turpentine and a cloth to remove any dust or dirt particles. Apply the Timberlife Satinwood 28 or Woodoc 30 as directed by the label on the container.