

Somos's Premium Teak showcases the intrinsic allure and texture of genuine teak. Owing to the inherent variations in timber, the texture and hue might differ among individual items.

Over time, Premium Teak develops a stunning silver-grey sheen. The rate and nature of this natural aging process are influenced by the local climate, exposure to external factors, and the level of care and upkeep provided.

Teak wood has a natural tendency to expand and shrink with climatic fluctuations. This contraction might lead to fine fissures at the assembly points or within the wood's texture. However, this phenomenon doesn't compromise the robustness of the furniture's framework.

We recommend the use of our tailor-made outdoor protectors to safeguard your furniture against external factors and reduce wear and tear.

Addressing Oil Surfacing

Teak stands out as a preferred choice for outdoor furniture due to its inherent density and rich oil content. This natural composition not only wards off decay but also offers a shield against fungi, termites, and other wood-damaging pests. However, when exposed to elements like rain and humidity, teak's natural oils might come to the surface, mimicking the appearance of watermarks. It's worth noting that the concentration of these oils can differ among furniture pieces. Hence, you might notice this oil emergence repeatedly before it eventually fades over a span of months.

For those with cushioned teak furniture, if you observe oil marks on the cushions, please consult the dedicated care guide for cushion maintenance.

Guidelines for Teak Furniture Upkeep

To ensure the longevity and pristine appearance of your teak furniture, consider the following practices:

- **Utilizing Quality Products:** Applying hardwood & teak cleaner and hardwood & teak shield at the onset and conclusion of each season aids in preserving the teak's inherent quality. These products bolster the wood's resistance against moisture, harmful UV rays, mold, mildew, and even common stains from food and beverages. To retain the teak's natural hue, consider using a teak protector
- **Routine Cleaning:** To combat accumulated dirt, mold, and mildew, it's advisable to periodically rinse the furniture with water, combined with hardwood & teak cleaner. Ensure you scrub following the wood grain's direction for optimal results.
- **Addressing Persistent Stains:** For areas that prove more challenging to clean, employ a Power Washer. However, maintain a distance of roughly 30 inches from the furniture and ensure the pressure doesn't surpass 1200 PSI. After washing, let the furniture bask in the sun to dry.
- **Managing Moisture Effects:** Prolonged exposure to dampness can cause the wood grain to elevate. To counteract this, a gentle sanding using 120-grit sandpaper can render the surface smooth again.

Additional tips

- Refrain from allowing water to settle on both the furniture and cushion surfaces.
- Much like all premium outdoor furniture, it's best to use tailored furniture covers when the items are not being utilized. Before covering, ensure that the furniture, cushions, and even the covers are devoid of moisture and dirt.
- If you're planning to cover the furniture for an extended period, it's best to remove the cushions to prevent mold and mildew accumulation.

By adhering to these guidelines, you can ensure the longevity and aesthetic appeal of your teak furniture.

Guidelines on Outdoor Sunbrella Upholstery & Cushion Inserts Maintenance

Product care sheet

One of the best ways to keep our Sunbrella fabrics looking good is to brush off dirt and debris before it becomes embedded in the fabric and to address messes and spills soon after they occur. The quicker you clean spills, the easier they can be to remove.

Fabric Characteristics

- Our upholstery is crafted from 100% Sunbrella acrylic, ensuring resistance against stains, mildew, and fading, making them both durable and weather-friendly.
- It's worth noting that over time, the fabrics might exhibit pilling. This is a natural trait of the material and isn't indicative of any flaw.
- For a refined appearance, you can gently use a fabric shaver on the surface to eliminate any protruding fibers without compromising the fabric's strength.

Fresh spill on fabric

- Blot (*don't rub*) liquid spills with a clean, dry cloth.
- For oil based spills, apply an absorbent such as corn starch, then remove with a straight edge.
- Spray on a mild cleaning solution of soap and water or use Sunbrella Clean™ Multi-Purpose Fabric Cleaner.
- Rinse the fabric thoroughly to remove all soap residue. Cleaner.
- Air dry.

Cleaning removable fabrics

- **Handwashing:** Soak fabric in a solution of 1/4 cup mild soap per gallon of lukewarm water. Use a sponge or very soft bristle brush to lightly agitate the spill. Then rinse thoroughly to remove all soap residue and allow fabric to air dry. To mitigate mold and mildew growth, ensure that damp cushions are promptly removed from furniture frames and that you adhere to a regular cleaning regimen.
- **Machine Washing:** Some removable casings can be washed in the washing machine, however consult the furniture manufacturer before removing the casing as cushion construction may vary. To wash, first close all zippers. Machine wash in cold water on the delicate cycle with normal amounts of mild laundry detergent. For severe mold or mildew, add 1 cup of bleach. Allow fabric to air dry.

Cleaning non-removable fabrics

- Prepare a solution of 1/4 cup mild soap per gallon of lukewarm water. Use a soft bristle brush to clean, allowing the cleaning solution to soak into the fabric. Rinse thoroughly to remove all soap residue and allow fabric to air dry.
- For best results when cleaning upholstered pieces, clean the entire surface area of the fabric, from seam to seam, instead of rubbing the fabric in a circular motion on the spill. This method, along with an extractor, may be required in order to avoid water rings and residue.
- We recommend Sunbrella Clean Multi-Purpose Fabric Cleaner or an upholstery cleaner such as 303® Multi-Surface Cleaner.

Guidelines on Outdoor Upholstery & Cushion Inserts Maintenance

- **Water Management:** Ensure that water does not accumulate on the surface of furniture and cushions.
- **Use of Furniture Covers:** When not in use, it is advisable to use tailored furniture covers. Before covering, furniture should be cleaned and dried thoroughly.

Cushion Care

- Ideally, cushions should be removed from the frames before covering them for an extended period to prevent the growth of mold and mildew
- In case cushions get wet, it is recommended to tip them on their sides with the zipper facing down and unzipped to allow water drainage.
- Cushions must be completely dry and clean before storing them. If storage is not possible, lay the cushions flat on the seat before covering to ensure a proper fit of the cover.

By adhering to these guidelines, you can ensure the longevity and aesthetic appeal of your outdoor furniture and cushions.

