

# How to Care For Outdoor Teak Furniture

Grade A Teak wood is a very dense and oily hardwood making it ideal for outdoor furniture. It is very durable and requires very little maintenance. If you are happy for your furniture to naturally turn silvery grey then the only maintenance required is to clean it by washing down. This can be done using water and a mild detergent applied with a cloth or soft bristled brush and then rinsing off with clean water. A hosepipe can be used for this but pressure washers are not recommended as they can cause damage.

During the weathering process a slight “checking” or roughening of the grain may occur in spots. You may even notice a few small cracks. Checking is not a structural defect, but a perfectly natural process, as the wood expands and contracts, adjusting to the elements.

If you wish to retain the original golden honey colour, we would recommend that a teak sealer is used such as Rustins Outdoor Danish Oil. This is a special blend based on Tung Oil which is processed and mixed with other vegetable oils and resins to increase the hardness and durability of the wood. It contains ultra violet light inhibitors to protect against sunlight. It is penetrating oil, drying to a hard durable and water resistant seal that brings out the beauty of the grain, leaving a low lustre sheen.

At Gardenature we do offer a service to treat your outdoor furniture for you. For further details please contact us.

## Application instructions for Rustins Outdoor Danish Oil

Apply liberally with a clean rag or brush and wipe off the surplus oil after a few minutes. Allow to dry and repeat. New wood generally requires 3 applications.

For an outstanding finish the last coat of Danish Oil may be applied by rubbing over the surface with fine steel wool (000 grade), or a scouring pad, such as Scotchbrite, then wiping off the surplus with a soft cloth. This will remove any “nibs” on the surface and leave it with a silky-smooth finish.

Danish Oil will bring out the beauty of all timbers and give a natural open-grained soft lustrous finish. This is easily maintained by re-oiling as required, once the surface has been cleaned with a mild detergent solution, rinsed and dried. Alternatively, the surface may be cleaned with steel wool, white spirit and clean rag. Exterior woodwork will require re-oiling annually or more frequently.

