

CARE & MAINTENANCE

Teak has been well known for centuries for its quality, durability and beauty. Teak is a very hard, densely grained wood with a very high oil content. The unique combination of these characteristics makes teakwood naturally resistant to moisture, rot, warping, shrinking, splintering, insects, fungus, marine borers and termites making it the ideal wood for the production of outdoor furniture.

Teak is often misunderstood as a "high-maintenance" material, when in fact it requires virtually no maintenance whatsoever and will last for generations to come. Three Birds recommends DO NOTHING, and allow your teak furniture to weather naturally. In less than a year of exposure to the elements, Teak will naturally weather to a beautiful silver-gray patina. The only maintenance needed for your furniture is an occasional cleaning. We recommend using liquid dish detergent (approximately 5 tablespoons per gallon of water) and a soft bristle brush.

During the weathering process you may notice a slight "checking", or opening of the grain. You may even notice a few small cracks, especially at the top edges of arms and legs. This is completely normal as the wood expands and contracts due to changes in temperature and humidity, and will not affect the structural integrity of the furniture.