

About Lloyd Flanders Antique Gray Teak Used on the Universal Teak, Tobago, and Catalina Collections

Lloyd Flanders Antique Gray teak furniture brings a distinct, lasting style to your outdoor space. Sustainably harvested from Brazilian teak trees, each piece receives a gray finish designed to produce the antique appearance and preserve the natural color longer than traditional teak.

Teak furniture may be left outdoors all year. Excessively warm or freezing temperatures will not harm your furniture. If you choose to store your furniture when not in use, it is recommended that the furniture is placed in a dry, unheated space with any cushions removed and stored separately.

The natural properties of teak make it ideal for outdoor use; however, it is still subject to changes due to weathering. This can include teak oil surfacing, checking, color change, and grain lift. These are expected natural components of the teak weathering process and are not covered by the warranty.

Caring For Furniture with Antique Gray Teak

Your new teak furniture is easily maintained and only needs periodic cleaning to ensure years of service. For cleaning:

- 1. Remove any cushions and spray the frame with fresh water. Avoid the use of high pressure or "power washers" as this pressure can affect the surface of the teak.
- 2. Scrub the teak using a soft bristle brush or clean cloth using a solution of mild soap and warm water.
- 3. When finished, rinse the furniture with clean water to remove any soap residue.
- 4. Air dry completely.

You may wish to use one of the teak cleaners available at your local home improvement or hardware stores to clean your furniture. If you choose to do so, please follow the instructions on the label to ensure proper cleaning and protect any non-teak material.

Teak Care Products

Golden Care® Teak Protector is recommended for maintaining the natural color of teak longer. Golden Care® Teak Cleaner can be used for the restoration of weathered or gray teak. Find out more at http://www.golden-care.com/

Be sure to follow all instructions and exercise safety when applying care products.



Teak Oil Information

With humidity and temperature teak oil will rise to the surface of the teak wood. This is a normal reaction and will appear as a stain on the surface of the wood. These stains can be wiped away with a clean, dry cloth to remove any oil residue.

If cushions are left in contact with the teak wood during oil surfacing events, then staining of the cushion fabric can occur. Stains from teak oil are not covered by the warranty. To avoid hand washing the cushion cover we recommend removing the cushions when not in use. See instructions on Cleaning Teak Oil Stains.

Over time the oil surfacing phenomenon will subside with weather and UV exposure.

Cleaning Teak Oil Stains on Cushions

Several outdoor fabric manufacturers provide specialized oil-removing cleaners. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions on any specialty cleaning products regarding protective equipment and application timing.

Avoid using household degreaser products as the active ingredients used may cause damage to the fabric.

For fresh oil stains:

- 1) Apply an absorbent such as cornstarch, allow it to sit for 10-15 minutes to absorb the oil, then remove with a clean plastic scraper.
- 2) Create a cleaning solution of ¼ cup mild soap to one gallon of water.
- 3) Spray the cleaning solution on the stain, allow to sit for 5 minutes.
- 4) Rinse thoroughly with clean water to remove all soap residue.
- 5) Repeat if necessary.
- 6) Air dry completely.

For set-in oil stains:

- 1) Apply an absorbent such as cornstarch, allow it to sit for 10-15 minutes to absorb any residual oil, then remove with a clean plastic scraper.
- 2) Create a cleaning solution of ½ cup bleach and ¼ cup mild soap to one gallon of water. If the fabric is a printed acrylic, do not use bleach.
- 3) Gently scrub the stain using the cleaning solution and a soft bristle brush.
- 4) Rinse thoroughly with clean water to remove all soap residue.
- 5) Repeat if necessary.
- 6) Air dry completely.