



## **About Lloyd Flanders Natural Teak Used on the Alpine Collection**

Lloyd Flanders Natural Teak furniture brings a distinct, lasting style to your outdoor space. Sustainably harvested from Indonesian teak trees, each piece receives a clear coat finish designed to highlight the natural appearance and provide added protection.

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 Natural Teak**

Natural Teak will weather to a silver-grey finish over time, and comes with a water repellent applied to protect the natural finish. This clear coat protects the finish from stains for the first 6 months of outdoor enjoyment. Repeat applications of a teak protectant are optional but will help shield the teak from stains like spilled food or drinks.

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.

As the furniture naturally ages with rain-UV cycles then Golden Care products can be applied to help resist moisture and maintain the natural teak wood color. This application is recommended annually at a minimum if the natural finish is desired. Otherwise weathering to the silver-grey finish will occur.



## **Teak Oil Information**

With humidity and temperature changes 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 will subside with weathering 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.