

# Take care of your Teak!



*Tips and instructions on how to take care of your Teak*



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# Tips / Instructions for maintaining Teak furniture:

**DIRT:** Dirt and dust will settle on the furniture. It is a good idea from time to time to clean all of the visible surfaces of the wood. Use a dry, clean cloth and dust your teak furniture like you would your other aesthetic surfaces. Do this weekly to prolong the life of your finish. If the furniture is extra dirty, try using a wet moist cloth. Periodically or when needed, you can hose down your furniture, with careful attention to clean the underneath of the furniture. Please make sure to wipe down the furniture afterwards and do not leave any standing water on the teak.



**WATER STAINS:** Drinks, sprinklers, and chlorine will all leave water marks on your teak furniture. Use a coaster when eating at the table. If the sprinklers are hitting your furniture you will only damage the teak. Try to adjust the sprinklers so they do not hit the furniture. Please dry off before sitting on your teak furniture. In order to help prevent water marks, simply wipe areas where water collects & dries. If you require extra protection on your table tops, then consider clear coating. See clear coating in the services section.

**STAINS:** To remove dried food particles, oil or grease stains that may not come off with a wet rag, try using diluted simple green and water. If the stain persists, you may sand the stain out with 150 grit sand paper. You will need to reseal the area that was sanded. Call our office and we can ship you a quart of your chosen sealer.



**DRIPS:** The morning dew and a wet environment can cause drips on your teak furniture. Do not be alarmed by this. Simply rub the drips with a wet cloth and apply light pressure to remove the drips. Sometimes, new teak can leach natural oils out of the wood. This is natural and these drips can be removed with a light grit sand paper if the wet rag does not

work. You will need to reseal the area that was sanded. Call our office and we can ship you a quart of your chosen sealer.

**CANDLE WAX:** Scrape as much of the candle wax off the furniture with a spatula. Then place a sheet of paper over the wax stain. Put a dry cloth on top of the paper and then with a warm iron, go over the wax stain to transfer the wax onto the paper. Once it is transferred, use a light grit sand paper to remove the remainder of the wax from the wood. You will need to reseal the area that was sanded. Call our office and we can ship you a quart of your chosen sealer.



**RESEAL:** Your teak furniture needs to be resealed every six months to a year depending on the environment and exposure to the sun. Please call our office to schedule a reseat appointment or if you are confused about the condition and timing of resealing your teak furniture, please call us to schedule a free consultation.

**DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE.** Teak furniture does demand attention.

**BRASS or STAINLESS:** A light polishing with Brasso or some other metal cleaner and a soft rag can keep the metal looking great. If the brass or stainless gets very tarnished, you can use steel wool or a 3m pad to remove the heavy tarnish before you polish it.

**COVERS:** Covering your teak can extend the life of teak; the sealer applied, and keeps your furniture clean. Please use covers that allow proper ventilation and are equipped for the environment. Plastic, vinyl, canvas, and many other materials that covers are made from may cause mold and mildew issues because they lock in moisture. If you use covers be sure to take them off at least once a week to prevent mold and mildew to build up on your furniture. Let the furniture air out for at least 8 hours before you cover them again. Covers can be purchased at [www.drteak.com](http://www.drteak.com).



**MOLD:** In certain damp environments mold may grow on exterior furniture. In most cases the mold will appear as small round black marks, and in extreme cases, as large black blemishes. If you have sealed the furniture, please call us immediately. If the furniture is unsealed or it

has been a while since you last sealed it, use a mixture of bleach and water and wipe the mold or mildew areas repeatedly with the solution. Let it dry in the sun and then hose down the area with fresh water. Sand and seal the furniture with marine grade sealer to prevent future mold or mildew from growing.

# Services provided by Dr. Teak, Inc.

**Sealing:** Sealing your furniture will help prevent the "graying" that results from exposure to the sun, dirt and mildew. We will apply two coats of marine-grade sealer to your teak. Some of the factors that will wear the teak out faster are excessive sunlight and excessive water. The sealer should last 6 to 12 months depending on your climate.

**Clear Coating:** If your table top requires extra protection, consider having the top clear coated. This special two part process creates a wipe able surface that repels water and stains much better than normal sealer. Call us for more details.

**Achieve any aesthetic.** We will customize your teak to your desired aesthetic. How do you want your teak to look? Weathered? Natural? Clear sealed? Coffee? Matte? Yacht finish? Call us to see samples.

**Restoring:** If your teak furniture was not treated after purchasing it and it has deteriorated or turned gray, we can restore it back to its original look. The surface is cleaned by using a surface wash, bleaching and/or scrubbing techniques, and then sanded back to its natural texture. Multiple levels of sanding may be required depending on its age.

**Repair:** Dr Teak can repair broken or damaged outdoor teak furniture and restore it to its original look.

**Decks, patios, siding, fences, railings, gates, stairways and pergolas:** Dr. Teak professionals can clean, sand, color, stain and seal all of your outdoor surface areas, adding sparkle to your garden, walkway, pool, patio and backyard areas.

**High Quality wood other than teak:** Dr Teak services many types of high quality wood types - Iroko, Mahogany, Redwood, Zebrawood, Ash, Padauk, Jatoba, Butternut, Jarra, IPE, Cedar, Jensen, Danta, various Rosewoods, Mangaris, Walnut, Pine and Ebony.

**Cushion cleaning:** Dr Teak can clean and restore your cushions and umbrellas.

**Residential and commercial services:** Dr. Teak services residential and commercial clients throughout California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii. From homes to hotels, we can meet your needs.

**Planned Maintenance Program:** Perhaps the biggest benefit of working with Dr. Teak is the availability of service contracts for maintaining furniture. Since classic, inspired teak designs require only a simple schedule of maintenance for a lifetime of enjoyment. Dr. Teak is perfectly positioned to provide maintenance service every 60 or 90 days, as well as emergency service as needed. This is a quick, efficient and worry-free service for clients to deal with normal environmental wear, pesky and unsightly food stains and any other required touchup. In short, your furniture can always look as if it just came off the showroom floor.