



MTD Teak Collections

Michael Taylor Designs Outdoor Teak Collections are produced of top grade quality from Teak plantations on the island of Java. The plantations are now owned by the Indonesian government agency Perum Perhutani, which is responsible for managing a strict policy regarding the size and quality of trees felled each year together with replanting. The plantations our teak lumber derives from are managed to prevent the destruction of old forests and to be sustainable to meet growing demand. Our teak is sourced from the center of the log (heartwood) of a fully mature tree. It is high in natural teak oil which plays the key role in teaks outstanding resistance to outdoor elements by protecting it from weather elements.

Over time, without maintenance, teak will patina in color and eventually turn a soft silver grey. This color change is only cosmetic and does not affect the strength of the wood. In sunny warm climates, teak furniture can remain outdoors year round. In areas with more dramatic seasonal changes, we recommend the furniture be covered or stored inside. In freezing climates and harsh winter weather, teak furniture should be stored indoors.

Frequent hosing off of your teak furniture will keep it clean and also help turn it to a grey patina. If you want to keep your furniture from turning grey, you might consider using a teak oil or a teak sealer. These can be applied when the teak is new and once every six months to help maintain the golden color of teak. The best and easiest way to care for teak furniture is to hose it off regularly and keep it clean.

For oiled teak, after cleaning, allow the furniture to dry before applying a coating of teak oil. See instructions on the teak oil product you purchase. Stains, small marks or surface imperfections can be removed by light sanding with fine sandpaper. Newly sanded areas will take time to blend into the original surface color.

For extra protection, Michael Taylor Designs offers protective covers on all of our outdoor items. Teak furniture will weather more rapidly in harsh climates, depending on your location. Teakwood is ideal for outdoor use and will perform well for many years with proper care and maintenance.

