Dunelm

Garden Furniture Care Guide

Use a breathable cover for garden furniture when it's not in use. During bad weather, and in the winter, keep your furniture indoors in a cool ventilated place to help prevent rusting.

Take parasols down and put them away in windy weather. If parasols get wet, leave them open to dry.

When placing your furniture near a wall, leave a gap of at least 25mm - this will help protect walls from marks.

Always lift your furniture to where you want it - don't drag it across the floor. This could damage the furniture and your flooring.

Avoid rocking chairs backwards on two legs - this will damage the joints.

Don't use a pressure washer on your garden furniture.

Check all fixing and fastenings regularly, and tighten them when needed.

Outdoor cushions care advice

All fibre cushions should be plumped daily - do this by giving them a vigorous shake and a squeeze. This stops them from becoming flat and lumpy.

Turn reversible cushions over daily - and switch their positions if possible - to help them wear evenly.

Strong direct sunlight can affect the colour of the fabric, so garden furniture covers may fade over time.

Store cushions indoors when they're not in use to keep them looking their best.

Where possible, avoid anything sharp coming into contact with the upholstery, as this can easily snag, pull or tear the fabric.

For accidental spills or stains

Blot or soak up spills immediately using a soft, dry, colourfast cloth.

Don't rub or scrub with a cloth; this could damage the fabric and remove the colour.

Don't use washing-up liquid, detergents or bleach to remove stains.

Don't soak or allow the fabric to become wet.

Some fabrics are susceptible to stretching when wet, so ensure that extra care is taken to avoid this.

Use specialist upholstery cleaner if needed.

Always follow the manufacturer's instructions, and test any cleaning method on a hidden area to check it won't affect the colour. Allow the test patch to completely dry before further use. If the fabric is affected, don't use it in any other areas and consult a specialist.

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Glass Outdoor Furniture Care

Do not use the glass as a chopping board. Don't strike the glass with hard or pointed items.

Don't store chairs upside down on glass tabletops.

Don't place anything very hot or cold on the glass. Use mats to protect the surface.

Don't use abrasive cleaners on the glass as these can scratch or damage the finish. Use a soft damp cloth to wipe the glass clean, then buff with a clean, dry cloth. Washing up liquid can be a good choice to clean glass.

If the glass gets chipped or broken, stop using the product and contact the customer service line.

Wooden Outdoor Furniture Care

Cover the furniture in wet weather to keep the wood dry.

Don't forget, wood is a natural product and each piece is unique. The colour of the wood can change over time, and new items might vary in colour from pieces you already own. Wooden furniture can be affected by temperature and humidity.

Always use mats and coasters when placing items onto the furniture to protect its surface.

Use a damp cloth and mild detergent to clean the furniture - don't use bleach or abrasive cleaners.

Wood can absorb liquids, so dry spills straight away to avoid staining.

Don't use abrasive or silicone polishes as they can affect the finish and joints over time. Ensure you are using the correct polish for your product - try a patch test in a hidden area before use.

If your furniture becomes stained, scratched, chipped or damaged, seek professional help to restore it. Contact our customer service line for recommended agents.

Metal Outdoor Furniture Care

Use a clean, dry cloth to dust the surface. Don't use abrasive cleaners or cloths - they can scratch the surface of the metal.

Don't use chemical cleaners or polishes. Clean stubborn marks with soapy water and a clean cloth. After cleaning, use a clean dry cloth to remove any smears.