



Taking Care Of Your Product





Relative Moisture Levels

Timber will expand (swell) and contract (Shrink) as it adapts to the relative humidity in the air.

When wood contracts quickly due to rapid changes in humidity, for example during a heatwave, the timber is prone to splits and checks. The reverse is also true that when the moisture in the air rises, the wood will expand (swell) and the mentioned splits and checks will begin to close.

Wood exposed to sunlight will naturally weather to a silvery grey colour after a couple of years.

Overleaf are some best practices to maintain the look and durability of your furniture for years to come.

One to Three Months

- When your new wooden furniture arrives there will be a fairly high moisture content as the timber is fresh. for this reason we recommend waiting 4 weeks for the wood to find its relative moisture level suiting the conditions before applying any treatment.
- While no treatment has been applied we recommend keeping the furniture out of direct sunlight where possible. This will help the wood find equilibrium with the atmosphere at a more slower, more stable rate.
- After 1-2 weeks we recommend adding a treatment to further protect / enhance your new wooden furniture or structure. There are many great wood treatments on the market, we highly recommend a treatment which has water repellent properties as this will significantly help the the regulation of moisture and help prevent splitting.
- When the timber contracts (shrinks) slats may pull away from there fixings slightly leading to movement in the slats. as moisture levels increase again the slats will tighten again. If you are concerned about this please do not hesitate to contact us.
- We do not recommend using a covering such as a taurpauling until the wood properly dried and treated. Non breathable Covers have a tendency to promote mould growth on the timber.





Annual

- We recommend cleaning your wooden furniture at least once per year either with a specialised wood cleaner or warm soapy water.
- Re-treat the wood once per year or as recommended by your chosen wood treatment.



Knots, dents, defects

- Knots - As the wood dries knots can sometimes detach slightly and can become sharp. If this happens a simple sanding process using 80grit sand paper can usually eliminate any protrusion and maintain the fluid smoothness of the timber.
- Dents - If your table experiences a knock and suffers a dent this can again be blended using a sanding process using 80grit sand paper for significant damage there are lots of good quality exterior wood fillers which can be applied prior to sanding to gain a nice level finish.
- Defects - Occasionally as the timber dries the grain may lift in places causing a recess if pulled away, this can be fixed using some outdoor wood glue and following the same sanding process.





Thank you for choosing MG Timber for your outdoor garden furniture.

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