

RESTORATION HARDWARE

OAK CARE



ABOUT OAK

Oak furniture is an excellent choice for outdoor living and, if properly maintained, will last a lifetime. While oak is exceptionally durable and strong, promising years of loyal service, it does require some maintenance. If you are unable to perform regular maintenance, contact a professional refinisher in your area for assistance.

CHARACTERISTICS OF OAK

- Oak may continue to crack if exposed to severe weather. The use of our outdoor covers is strongly recommended.
- As oak seasons, it may release tannins, a natural property of oak that helps deter fungus and insects. This organic process occurs most frequently when oak is exposed to rain or heavy moisture
- Tannins released from oak will stain concrete or stone patios. Do not place oak furniture directly on these surfaces
- Since oak is very heavy and cannot be moved inside during inclement weather, custom-fit outdoor covers are strongly recommended to provide protection from the elements

- Avoid letting water stand on the surface of your furniture and cushions
- Protect your furniture with our custom-fit covers when not in use. Allow furniture to completely air-dry before covering

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- Use a dry, clean cloth to dust your furniture weekly and help maintain its luster and prevent staining
- Thoroughly clean your furniture twice a year
- To clean furniture, use your garden hose to help loosen dirt and debris that has accumulated in corners and crevices. Adjust the nozzle to a fan pattern (as opposed to a small jet stream), and maintain 6"-10" between the nozzle and the surface of the furniture
- For tougher stains, clean with a warm water and mild dishwashing-soap solution. Gently scrub the wood with a soft-bristle brush in the direction of the grain. Rinse thoroughly with water and dry with a soft, clean cloth, making sure all surface water is removed to avoid damage and mildew. Always wipe wood furniture dry after cleaning with water, or any time it gets wet

- Stains, small marks or surface imperfections can be removed by lightly sanding with a fine sandpaper (no less than P120 grit)

Oak - Our massive timbers of oak celebrate nature in its rustic simplicity. Due to natural variations in the wood and artisan craftsmanship, each item is unique and no two are exactly alike. Distinctive nicks, exposed knots and imperfections should be expected. Oak will gradually lighten in color with sun exposure. After 6-12 months, oak will turn a silvery grey depending on climate. Custom-fit outdoor covers are strongly recommended when furniture is not in use. Covers are necessary to keep furniture clean, preserve its original color and protect against sun, snow and rain.



Oak
(New)



Oak
(6 months - 1 year)