

# Teak Wood Product Care Card

**We hope you enjoy your new teak wood design.** Each of our teak items is sustainably-sourced by harvesting from monitored plantations, repurposing scrap wood, or reclaiming already-used teak for a new life. However your new item was sourced, it possesses the same beauty, durability, and easy-to-care-for qualities for which teak is known. The wood is ideal for indoor or outdoor use and will age differently depending on where you display it. Outside, teak naturally develops a lovely silvered-gray patina, and when housed inside, its golden brown luster can be preserved by occasional treatment with a simple oil blend. In either location, maintaining the beauty of your teak product is easy.

## CARE FOR INDOOR USE

To prepare your teak item for an oil treatment, first wipe it down with a dry cloth to remove any dust, debris, or excess natural oils that may be on the surface.

To oil, dilute tung or teak oil with an equal amount of mineral spirits. With this mixture, wipe down all surfaces of your items following the natural pattern of the wood's grain.

In the event a stain or scratch occurs, sand the stained or scratched area immediately with 400-grit sand paper or #00 steel wool. Immediately reapply the oil mixture to the sanded area to preserve the wood.

## CARE FOR OUTDOOR USE

If you choose to let it weather, outdoor teak requires little maintenance. Wipe occasionally with a dry cloth to remove any dust, debris, or excess natural oils that may be on the surface.

In the event of a spill, clean immediately. A mild detergent, such as dish washing liquid may be used if needed to cleanse the surface.

**Note:** Bird droppings can stain teak wood quickly, remove them as soon as possible to prevent a stain.

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To protect from UV damage, you will need to oil your outdoor teak wood. Note that this will also preserve its natural golden brown hue and prevent it from forming a weathered finish. Most teak oil contains UV-protecting ingredients, but be sure to choose a particular product that does before exposing your item to direct sunlight.

Keep outdoor teak covered during winter months.

Do not pressure wash as it may permanently damage the surface of the wood. You may however, spray teak furnishings with your household garden hose.

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## OUR VALUES

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### GLOBAL CITIZEN

Fair trade practices, artisan-made



### SMALL FOOTPRINT, BIG IMPACT

Uses reclaimed or recycled material



### ALL NATURAL

Products without chemicals



### HOME GROWN

Made in the USA

VivaTerra is a retailer with a heart and a vision for both globally-inspired modern design and goods created with sustainability and integrity in mind. We value the expertise and talent of artisans around the world, and the craftsmanship exhibited in their work. We strive to share this contemporary, artisan-crafted aesthetic with our consumers through unique and earth-friendly goods.

We believe that ethical and sustainable conduct should be prioritized—not sacrificed—in an effort to achieve our goals. We are always concerned with the who, what, where and how surrounding our products. Our hope is that each piece created exemplifies social consciousness, global inspiration, quality workmanship, and one-of-a-kind style.

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