



## TEAK WOOD CARE

We hope you enjoy your new teak wood product. This teak item is sustainably-sourced by harvesting from monitored plantations, re-purposing scrap wood, or reclaiming already-used teak for a new life. 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 silver-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.

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### CARE FOR INDOOR USE

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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 sandpaper or #00 steel wool. Immediately reapply the oil mixture to the sanded area to preserve the wood.

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### CARE FOR OUTDOOR USE

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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.

In the event a stain or scratch occurs, sand the stained or scratched area immediately with 400-grit sandpaper or #00 steel wool.

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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### VIVA VALUES

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#### HANDMADE

We support artisan and fair trade organizations worldwide, helping to provide a sustainable market for their goods.



#### NATURAL

We like our products au naturel, we believe in the quality of nature, but also in protecting it and sharing it's inspiring beauty.



#### RESPONSIBLE WOOD

We search for goods crafted with FSC-certified, reclaimed and sustainable wood sources.



#### RECYCLED

Whether crafted with recycled glass, vintage fabrics, salvaged metal or reclaimed wood, we stand behind products created using recycled materials.



#### MADE IN THE USA

While we boast a list of products made by artisans across the globe, we proudly support the artists, crafters & makers, right here at home.



#### EXCLUSIVE

Designed and crafted by us, especially for you.

VivaTerra has 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 customers through unique and earth-friendly goods.