

TEAK CARE AND CLEANING

Teak furniture, when left untreated, will fade to a natural silver-gray color. Many individuals love the natural color transformation, which does not affect the durability of the teak furniture or the wood itself.

If you prefer to maintain the smooth finish and natural golden brown color, teak oil may be used. You will need to apply approximately every three months, in addition to occasionally sanding the surface. Initially, several coats will be required, as the wood soaks up the oil. Follow the directions on the product label for best results.

MTI recommends the mildest cleaner possible for the job. A mild solution of liquid laundry detergent (such as Wisk) and chlorine bleach mixed into a gallon of warm water will clean most teak products. Apply this mixture with a stiff brush, and scrub lightly with the grain. Leave it on the wood for several minutes to give the detergent time to suspend the dirt and the bleach time to lighten the wood, then rinse thoroughly, scrubbing lightly with the grain.

