Care and Cleaning Instructions

Teak

**Teak Construction:** Frontgate teak furniture is built from premium teak. Teak is a dense, coarse, close-grained hardwood. It contains high levels of resinous oils that allow it to be naturally resistant to moisture, repellent to insects and impervious to the drying effects of weather. Teak also contains silica, a sand-like component which creates a density in the wood that allows it to be resistant to fungal decay, water, rotting, warping, shrinking, and swelling. These characteristics make teak furniture extremely durable. Teak ages gracefully. If left to the elements, teak develops a silver grayish coloring over time that can be left as is, or revived to its original patina by light sanding and applying teak sealer.

**Teak Care:** Left outside, teak will age naturally from the exposure to light, air and rain. Being outdoors gradually transforms the wood into a soft, silver-grey patina. The color-changing process occurs when teak’s surface layer pigments start to fade away. The change in the color will not affect the durability and strength of the wood.

Applying teak sealer to the wood helps to retain the golden-brown color of new teak (teak sealer lasts longer than teak oil). Application of this sealer will not affect the strength or longevity of the furniture in any way, just its appearance. If you elect to use teak sealer, it needs to be re-applied on a regular basis for continuous protection.

When your furniture is not in use, we recommend using furniture covers, storing it indoors, or placing the furniture in a watertight shed or garage. If storing teak furniture in a heated indoor room, avoid moving it immediately into a cold outdoor area, as the sharp differences in temperature and humidity may cause the wood to split.

To remove stains, lightly sand away affected areas with a fine-grit sandpaper. Teak can also be cleaned with hose water.

Aluminum

**Aluminum Construction:** Frontgate uses 100% ingot aluminum, a premium-quality aluminum. The use of very high quality raw aluminum makes our outdoor furniture much stronger and longer lasting, compared to lesser-quality aluminum that becomes brittle over time. Some of our furniture is fully casted, while others use both casted and extruded aluminum parts. The heavier gauge of our aluminum walls (on the extruded parts) also makes Frontgate aluminum furniture a superior quality. On the fully casted pieces, these elements are solid aluminum; the casting also provides great detail, dimension and design. The welds of our furniture use male and female parts, creating a very strong connection.

**Aluminum Care:** Simply use mild soap and lukewarm water to clean your aluminum furniture. This should be done periodically. Avoid using abrasive cleaners. If you live in seaside climates or have a saltwater pool, regular (weekly) cleaning with mild soap and water will greatly help remove the concentrated salt deposits that can lead to finish failure. A fine, clear automobile wax can also be applied for maximum protection against harmful ultraviolet exposure and salt air. We recommend using furniture covers or storing your aluminum furniture indoors when not in use.

Wicker

**Wicker Construction:** Frontgate outdoor wicker furniture is handwoven from a grade of resin that has achieved a high performance grade. Our 100% high-density polyethylene (HDPE) resin has many attributes: it’s non-toxic and safe for the environment. It’s also antimicrobial, a quality that prohibits the growth of fungus and mildew. The wicker won’t splinter or rot in extreme temperatures (-94°F to 176°F), making our furniture an excellent choice for almost any climate.

**Wicker Care:** To extend the life of your wicker furniture, avoid direct contact with chlorine and saltwater. If your wicker furniture is placed near the ocean or a saltwater pool, we recommend rinsing weekly with water from your garden hose. Avoid close proximity to open flame and artificial heat sources. We recommend using furniture covers or storing your wicker furniture indoors when not in use.

Cushions

**Cushion Construction:** The quality of our outdoor furniture collection cushions is just as superior on the inside as it is on the exterior. We construct each cushion with a high-resiliency foam core wrapped in soft polyester. This excellent grade of polyurethane foam features a higher rebound factor and softer surface for years of consistent comfort and firm support. The cushions are covered with 100% solution-dyed fabrics made in America’s finest textile mills.

**Cushion Care:** Our cushions are crafted to provide years of comfort and performance in a variety of climates and conditions. However, after extended or heavy rain, some water may penetrate into the inner foam core. If your cushions get wet, stand them on end, with the open zipper or seam side down, to help drain the water and speed the drying process. Be sure the cushion’s foam core has completely dried before using.

To clean spills or stains, dilute one cup of chlorine bleach in one gallon of water and test in an inconspicuous area. Saturate a rag or brush in the bleach solution, scrub the entire cushion, rinse well with water, and let the cushions air dry.