

Your Guide to Lifelong Teak Beauty

Care & Maintenance from the Experts at Goodluck Timbers

Congratulations on choosing Burma Teak, one of the world's most resilient and beautiful hardwoods. Its dense grain and natural oils make it incredibly resistant to weather, rot, and insects.

With a small amount of care, your teak will not only last a lifetime but will grow more distinguished with age. This guide will help you choose its path.

The Gentle Approach: Basic Cleaning

For routine cleaning or preparing the wood for a new finish, this is the only method you need.

- **Rinse the wood** with fresh water to remove loose dirt.
- **Mix a solution** of mild soap (like dish soap) and water. Avoid harsh chemicals or bleach.
- **Use a soft-bristle brush** to gently scrub the wood, always moving *with* the grain. This lifts dirt without damaging the wood fibers.
- **Rinse thoroughly** to remove all soap residue.
- **Let it air dry completely.**

The Two Paths to Beauty: Your Choice

Teak offers you a unique choice in its appearance. Do you prefer the warm, golden hue of new wood, or the elegant, silvery patina of aged timber?

Path A: Preserving the Golden-Brown Hue

To maintain the classic "honey" color of new teak, you need to protect it from the sun's UV rays.

- **We Recommend a Sealer, Not an Oil:** While traditional, teak oil can attract mildew and requires frequent reapplication. A modern, high-quality teak *sealer* provides superior UV protection and lasts much longer, often for a full season.
- **Application:** Ensure the wood is perfectly clean and dry. Apply a thin, even coat of the sealer with a cloth or brush, following the product's specific instructions. This will lock in the color and protect the wood.

Path B: Embracing the Silver Patina

Over time, when left to the elements, teak will naturally transform from golden-brown to a distinguished, low-maintenance silver-grey. This is not decay; it is a beautiful, natural state that many connoisseurs prefer.

- **The Process is Simple: Do Nothing.** Just let nature take its course. The transformation will happen gradually over several months to a year, depending on sun exposure.
- **Maintenance:** Your only task is to perform the "Basic Cleaning" once or twice a year to remove any surface dirt, keeping the silver look clean and elegant.

The #1 Mistake to Avoid: Pressure Washers

Never use a pressure washer on your teakwood.

The high-pressure stream is too aggressive. It will blast away the softer wood fibers between the hard grains, creating a rough, splintered surface. This permanent damage not only ruins the feel of the wood but also makes it get dirty faster.

Always trust the gentle approach.

From all of us at **Goodluck Timbers**, we hope you enjoy the timeless beauty of your teak for generations to come. For any further questions, you know who to call.