

CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF YOUR CYPRESS FURNITURE

What care and maintenance is required?

Australian Cypress is a unique resin rich timber. The resin in the timber is a natural preservative and also makes it one of the few timbers in the world that is white ant resistant without the need for toxic chemicals.

Like all timber however, a small amount of maintenance is recommended.

Firstly, timber shrinks and expands according to the moisture content of the air. If you find the setting getting a bit loose, it's likely that the timber has shrunk so you simply need to tighten all the nuts using a spanner or a socket. During hot dry weather very small gaps may appear between the boards on the table and bench tops - they are nothing to worry about as they are likely to close up again in cooler weather as the timber expands.

Secondly, your furniture has generally had a light coating of furniture oil applied to it prior to delivery. It is recommended that you reapply a coating of furniture or light decking oil to all planed timber surfaces on receipt and reapply every 6-12 months. We recommend Colourguard Rejuvenating Oil for Light Coloured Timbers available from us or hardware stores. Alternatively, a natural furniture or decking oil should be used.

The Best Method: Simply wipe oil onto the timber with a soft lint free cloth by wiping around the edge first and then wiping with the grain. Don't apply too heavily and we suggest you don't paint on with a brush as it applies it too heavily.

Marks and light scratches can often be removed by using a light steelo pad soaked in oil and gently rubbed on the mark with the grain

If you have any queries about your setting maintenance please Millwood Outdoor Furniture.

How does Cypress furniture fare outdoors?

If your setting is outdoors but undercover and protected from the weather, it should stay looking good for years.

If it is exposed to the rain and direct sun or continually getting wet, the timber will weather and go grey over time. It is however a class one durability timber and known for its good weather durability. The timber itself is unlikely to easily decay or deteriorate. Many of our customers are happy to see this weathering quality develop in their setting, as it develops a more rustic look.

If your setting is situated in the open and exposed to rain and direct sun you may wish to consider using a breathable protective cover, when it is not in use. As wood is a natural product it should not be stored under plastic as this will inhibit the flow of air around the furniture and may cause mildew to form or distort the wood.