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# Garden Furniture



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We're often asked how best to care for new Garden furniture. Although it has been designed to be relatively maintenance-free, there are always steps you can take to make sure that your furniture always looks pristine for years to come.

## SOFAS AND CHAIRS

The cushions that are supplied with your dining or sofa set have been specially designed for either indoor or outdoor use by formulating a cloth that is shower and stain resistant. If you want to keep them looking at their best, they should be stored inside when not in use – this will help to preserve the shape of the interiors and ensure that they're dry and comfortable when you come to use them. When it comes to cleaning it is recommended to remove the covers and hand wash them in warm water or a very gentle detergent. The fibres of the cloth are usually coated to help them resist fading in UV light, as well as discolouration from stains and ageing – strong detergents or bleaches can break down this coating over time, therefore damaging the covers and so should be avoided.

## RATTAN WEAVE AND FRAME

Built upon a frame that is made from welded aluminium which is then sometimes powder coated to protect it from the elements. Aluminium is a great starting point for the process, as it is naturally impervious to rust and most forms of corrosion. The result is a frame that can withstand years of hard use and requires very little maintenance. The rattan is hand woven & is also generally resistant to fading from UV light, it can also be easily cleaned with a damp cloth and a mild soap. If you decide to store it outside over winter, you can hose it down with a

high-pressure washer to get rid of any leaves or any garden debris that may accumulate. Because it is hand-woven you may notice individual stands of rattan come unravelled over the years – these can be easily hand tucked back into the existing weave to bring them back to their original condition. At each stage of the weaving process during manufacture the strands are secured, so even if an end comes loose, it will not continue to unravel.

## TABLES AND GLASS TOPS

The glass used is tempered to make sure it meets all the UK regulations for safety. When it comes to looking after it, you don't have to do much at all. It is recommended to avoid using strong bleaches as these can corrode the surface coatings of the glass which makes it less safe, so we recommend using a mild detergent instead. It is always important to use place mats when putting items on the table, and whilst the surface is scratch resistant it doesn't necessarily mean it is scratch proof. All glass is susceptible to extreme heat from items such as lanterns or candles placed directly on it. In certain conditions you may also notice that the rattan below the surface of the glass appears to sag, and this is designed to happen. The rattan can warm up & cool down very rapidly with daily temperature in the summer, as such can loose tension & then re-tighten over the course of the day.

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