



Attractive garden furniture can make a good garden great. But without proper care, rain, wind and sun can leave it looking tired and tatty. Fortunately, it's easy to give your timber garden furniture a new lease on life. All you need are the right materials and a few simple instructions.

TOOL CHECKLIST

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Scrubbing brush | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood block | <input type="checkbox"/> Paint stirrer | <input type="checkbox"/> Rubber gloves |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sandpaper
<i>(medium and fine grit)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Tack cloth | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor furniture oil
or paint | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean rags |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Circular or hand
electric sander
<i>(if applicable)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Timber cleaning solution | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural bristle brush | <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical sander |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Bucket | <input type="checkbox"/> Mineral turpentine
<i>(if using an oil-based
product)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacuum cleaner
<i>(if required)</i> |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Hose and hose trigger gun | | |

PLANNING

PAINT OR OIL?

While you may wish to paint your outdoor furniture, oiling is ideal, as it lets the natural beauty of the timber grain show through, while enriching its tones. Be sure to look for a product with UV protection and water repellent properties.

HINTS & TIPS

If you're not sure whether your furniture is ready for re-oil try this simple water test. Just spray a few drops onto the furniture. If the water beads on the surface, it doesn't need immediate attention. But if the water soaks straight into the timber, it's definitely time to re-oil.

STEP 1 PREPARATION

It's important to start with a clean, dry, even surface. Start by brushing any dirt and cobwebs off your furniture.

Sand back the timber to reopen the grain, even out any discolouration, and get rid of any scratches or blemishes. Start off with a medium-grit sandpaper, before moving to a fine-grit sandpaper to finish off. It is possible to use an electrical sander to save time.

Clean your furniture and workspace thoroughly. Brush off all the surrounding dust and go over your furniture with a tack cloth to pick up any remaining particles.

Finally, scrub your outdoor furniture with a timber cleaning solution, wash it off with your hose and allow it to dry.

STEP 2 APPLICATION



STAGE 1

Start by thoroughly stirring your timber finish in a scooping motion.



STAGE 2

Apply the finish evenly using a natural bristle brush, being sure not to miss any sections. Allow it to dry according to the manufacturer's instructions.



STAGE 3

Apply a second coat for optimum results, making sure you stir the finish again before applying. Now you can step back and admire your work.

This information is intended as a guide only. Please check with your council for any relevant laws before commencing any work. Always wear personal protection equipment and use tools safely.