

our Guide to Lifelong Teak Beauty

Care & Maintenance for New Burma Teak from Goodluck Timbers

Congratulations on choosing the gold standard of hardwoods. **New Burma Teak** is prized across the globe for its pristine grain and vibrant, golden-brown hue. Its dense, oil-rich nature provides a powerful natural defense against weather, rot, and insects.

With a small amount of care, your **New Burma Teak** will not only last a lifetime but will allow you to choose its aesthetic path: either preserving its original fresh color or allowing it to mature into an elegant silver patina.

The Gentle Approach: Basic Cleaning

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

- **Rinse the wood** with fresh water to remove any loose surface 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

New Burma 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 freshly harvested 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 your **New Burma Teak**.

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 **New Burma Teak** for generations to come. For any further questions, you know who to call.