

Care Instructions

Wicker furniture is a great addition to any area where you or your family spends time relaxing. A recent product development of all weather wicker furniture has changed the industry to allow for more elegant designs and withstand the elements.

Unlike traditional wicker furniture which is woven from abaca (palm) strands, modern outdoor wicker furniture is woven from new weather resistant synthetics that are far more durable than abaca. However it is very important to know what type of synthetic is used to make your furniture as not all synthetics perform alike and some are also extremely toxic.

Polyethylene (PE) is the safest and longest lasting material used today for outdoor wicker furniture. It is attractive for home use because of its low cost, great looks and is low maintenance.

PE wicker is a type of plastic and therefore water and dirt resistant, durable, resistant against the sun's UV radiation as well as against humidity and water. PE wicker outdoor furniture is designed to withstand outdoor elements and with periodic cleaning should provide years of enjoyment.

To help keep your furniture looking its best use outdoor coverings to protect each piece or store it inside during winter months and unpleasant weather. This will reduce the amount of cleaning and care the furniture requires.

Machine wash the cushion covers using a mild soap and cold water. Do not machine dry. Allow covers to dry naturally to avoid shrinkage.

Most of the time PE wicker can be cleaned using water and a very mild soap. This will take care of dirt and rain spots. Should your PE wicker or poly resin furniture become stubbornly dirty and need to be cleaned more intensely, here are some helpful suggestions for cleaning it:

- A simple solution for extending your wicker furniture's lifespan would be to cover it up or move it to a more protected spot when the temperature is too hot, cold or raining.
- It's best to wash your PE wicker furniture after bringing it out for the first time in the spring or summer. First, spray the furniture with water from a hose to remove excess dirt and grime. Use a mild soap and water to wash the wicker as needed. Dry the furniture if you have hard water so mineral deposits do not develop.
- To easily remove most stains from the wicker material, sprinkle baking soda on the stains and wait 10 minutes. Wipe the stains with a damp cloth. Use a toothbrush to scrub crevices and cracks. Rinse with the hose and dry.

- PE wicker patio furniture is easy to care for, but you may want to brush it every now and then to keep it dust free. Keeping it clean will extend its life because dust or other organic material can collect in the crevices of the weave and cause mildew and decay.
- Although PE wicker is made for outdoor use you should be aware that when the weather is too cold, it can become stiff or a bit more elastic when it is very hot. Also, too much moisture can make it sag and cause mildew. It is a good idea to inspect the weave from time to time, and if there has been any shifting, simply move the weave back into place with your fingers