

The INVITE COLLECTION of outdoor furniture was designed from the beginning to be durable and low-maintenance in all seasons and all-weather conditions. The furniture will not rot and requires no sanding, staining, sealing, painting or other similar ongoing maintenance to keep its beautiful appearance. However, if you are using it like we expect, your furniture is bound to get sat on (yes, even the tables), spilled on, splashed on, stood on, dripped on, rained or snowed on, etc. All hallmarks of what we hope will be a long life well lived for your furniture.

While our furniture is inherently resistant to stains, with all of that going on, you're likely to want to clean your furniture from time-to-time. Here are our recommendations for general care and cleaning of your furniture to keep it looking it's best along with ways to address any special situations.

## General Maintenance

TimberTech furniture will not rot and requires no paint, stain or ongoing maintenance to keep its beautiful appearance. It is a good idea to occasionally inspect the furniture fastening to ensure bolts are not loosening. Daily expansion and contraction caused by heating and cooling can gradually loosen hardware.

TimberTech Furniture will not require pressure washing, even for a deep clean recommended by other furniture manufacturers. The solid HDPE is more dense and higher quality than many other products in the market, and it doesn't have the small "pores" that can trap dirt, thus requiring pressure washing.

TimberTech furniture can remain outside all year. The color has UV stabilizers, and the material is dense enough to withstand typical weather. We do recommend securing furniture or bringing to an indoor space for high winds such as those associated with tropical storms.

## Products For General Cleaning

Most often, a simple hose-off will do the trick. If there is more dirt, a simple wet rag and natural cleaner, such as TimberTech DeckCleaner™ will be sufficient. Microfiber towels also work great. If there is dirt embedded in the texture, use mild soap and water and a stiff but gentle-bristled brush

Always read and follow the product manufacturers' specific instructions before using any cleaning product on your furniture. It is also a good idea to test any product on a scrap piece or inconspicuous area to make sure it does not harm the surface of the furniture or the material.

You do not need, and should not use any of the below cleaner types:

- Any petroleum-based products or strong solvents (e.g. Acetone, Xylene, denatured alcohol, paint-strippers, etc.)
- Chlorine-based cleaners or those that contain hydrogen peroxide (e.g. bathroom cleaners)
- Cleaners with acetic or alkaline pH (e.g. Vinegar or Bleach based cleaners.) We do recommend quickly rinsing any acidic based spills
- Those that contain abrasives (e.g. Comet or any "soft-scrub" type products)
- Biocides, fungicides or bactericides (i.e. those that are advertised to clean, stop or prevent mold)
- Pressure washing is not necessary and not recommended to exceed 1500 psi

**WARNING:** *Keep children and pets away from cleaning products.*

## Specific Situations

### Furniture on composite and hardwood decking

As with any furniture on a composite deck, pieces should always be lifted (not pushed or pulled) to move.

For additional protection of a deck surface, a natural fiber rug or outdoor grade floor protectors, should be placed between the base of the furniture and the deck.

### Salt-water, salty-air, chlorine and other corrosive environments

The HDPE material that makes up the vast majority of each piece of furniture is designed to withstand exposure to all of these elements. While in certain circumstances, prolonged exposure over long periods of time to chlorine or chlorinated water MAY result in some accelerated weathering or fading of some colors, no special precautions are needed to protect these parts from rot, decay or other structural damage or degradation. If your furniture does experience intense exposure to chlorinated water, just rinse with clean water. Similarly, while the fasteners are made of a high-grade stainless steel, they are not designed for prolonged or repeated direct exposure to salt water, salt air and chlorine (for example, submersion in a chlorinated or saltwater pool, ocean water or environments within 1,000 feet of the ocean).

If your furniture is subject to these conditions, we recommend that you can spray clean fresh water from a hose on an occasional basis (e.g., weekly, monthly or every 3 months depending on how extreme the environment) to prevent any surface rust from forming on the tops of the fasteners. Alternatively, when are assembling your furniture, you can replace the factory-supplied bolts with 316 Stainless Steel (i.e. "marine-grade" stainless steel). We recommend that you apply a thread-lock compound to the bolts per the manufacturer's instructions before you install the bolts. We specifically recommend Loctite® 243 Medium Strength Threadlocker.

### Near fire or heat source

The HDPE material can be melted by very close proximity to flame or heat source and can be scared by embers.

### Replacement Parts Are Available to replace damaged components

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