



Mossy Store Hardwood Outdoor Furniture - Care & Maintenance Guide

Your outdoor furniture has been crafted from high-quality, durable Australian Spotted Gum hardwood, a timber that is naturally strong, weather-resistant, and ideal for outdoor use. With simple care, your furniture will age beautifully and last for many years.

Your furniture has been professionally treated with CUTEK® CD50, a high-performance penetrating oil that enhances the timber's natural beauty while providing long-term protection from moisture, UV damage, and weathering.

CUTEK® CD50 works deep within the wood rather than forming a film on the surface. Over time, the timber will still weather naturally, but the internal protection remains active.

1. General Care

- **Placement:**
Position your furniture on a firm, level surface. Avoid areas where water pools or where the furniture legs remain in contact with wet soil or grass for extended periods.
- **Protection:**
Although Australian hardwoods are highly durable, exposure to harsh sunlight, rain, and humidity will gradually weather the timber.
Where possible, place your furniture under partial cover or use a breathable outdoor cover when not in use.
- **⚠ Important Safety Notice Regarding Swing Seats & Lounges**
This swing is intended for gentle use only. Do not swing so forcefully that any of the A-frame support legs lift off the ground. Always supervise children while the swing is in use. Regularly check all fittings to ensure they are secure.

2. Regular Cleaning

Clean every 3–6 months, or more often in coastal or dusty environments:

1. Mix mild detergent with warm water.
2. Gently scrub with a soft-bristle brush or cloth, following the wood grain.
3. Rinse thoroughly with clean water.
4. Allow to dry completely before use or oiling.

Avoid:

- Pressure washers or abrasive pads (these can raise the grain and cause splintering).
- Harsh chemicals or bleach-based cleaners.

3. Natural Weathering

- Over time, Australian hardwoods naturally silver or grey when exposed to sunlight and rain.
- This change is purely cosmetic and does not affect the timber's durability.
- If you wish to maintain the rich original colour, apply a quality exterior timber oil every 6–12 months.

4. Oiling & Protection

- **Frequency:** Reapply oil when the surface looks dry, faded, or rough.
- **Steps:**
 1. Clean and dry the furniture thoroughly.
 2. Lightly sand any rough areas to reduce splinters.
 3. Apply oil evenly with a clean cloth or brush, following the grain.
 4. Wipe off excess and allow to cure per product instructions.

Use only **exterior-grade oils** formulated for dense Australian hardwoods.

5. Tannin Leaching and Staining

Australian hardwoods naturally contain tannins, which may leach out when exposed to rain or moisture—especially in the first few months.

- **What to expect:**
Brownish or tea-coloured runoff may occur and can stain concrete, paving, or light-coloured surfaces beneath the furniture.
- **To minimise staining:**
 - If possible, allow initial tannin bleeding to occur in a garden area or on grass.
 - Regular oiling and weather exposure will reduce tannin release over time.
- **If staining occurs:**
Clean affected surfaces promptly using mild detergent or a specialised tannin remover.

6. Splinters and Surface Checks – Important Safety Notice

As with all natural timber products, minor surface movement may occur due to changes in temperature and humidity.

This can occasionally cause fine cracks, raised grain, or small splinters—especially in exposed outdoor conditions.

To reduce risk:

- Inspect furniture periodically.

- Lightly sand any rough or splintered areas, then reapply oil.
- Always check seating and armrest areas before use, especially for children.

 **Warning:** Avoid running hands along rough or weathered timber surfaces to prevent splinters. Regular sanding and oiling will help keep the surface smooth.

7. Seasonal & Long-Term Care

- Store furniture under cover during prolonged wet seasons or when not in use for extended periods.
- Do not cover with plastic or non-breathable materials, as trapped moisture can cause mildew.
- Check all fittings regularly.

8. Sustainability

Your furniture is made from responsibly sourced Australian hardwood, a renewable and long-lasting material. With proper care, it will offer years of reliable use and natural beauty.