

Caring for your new oak furniture

Your oak furniture is pre-treated with furniture oil during manufacture which helps to protect and nourish the oak. The oiled oak finish brings out the beauty of the natural oak. This furniture oil will help to protect the oak from light spills and dirt but over time the layer of oil will dry out so some ongoing light maintenance is recommended to keep your new furniture in good condition and more resistant to any liquid spills. We recommend that a new coat of furniture oil is applied to your oiled oak furniture at least twice a year but further treatments may be required depending on the temperature and sunlight in the room that it's used in. On some occasions the oil may have started to dry out a little by the time it gets delivered if the item has been in storage for more than a few weeks so the product may sometimes benefit from a fresh re oiling soon after delivery.

There are many types of oil that can be used on Oak furniture and most good DIY stores will stock a variety of different furniture oils. However, take note as to whether these should be used in a dining environment. Always refer to the manufacturer's instructions to check suitability.

We recommend using a good quality Olive Oil which you may already have in your kitchen cupboards as this gives fabulous results and of course is non-toxic. The oil is best applied with the soft side of a kitchen sponge across the surface and then wiped off with some soft kitchen paper towels to remove the any excess oil that has not been absorbed around 10 - 15 minutes later. This allows enough time for the oil to penetrate into the oak and by wiping off the excess oil the surface should be nice and uniform. Take care to avoid spilling oil onto the floor or chairs around the table.

Small water marks or any dirty marks on the surface should be possible to be removed by lightly rubbing in the direction of the grain with some very fine wet and dry sandpaper for a few seconds (only ever use a 400 grade sandpaper). Never use a coarser grain of sandpaper. This process can also be used to reduce raised grain following drying of the oil or moisture absorption. Oil should then be re-applied as described above to re-seal the surface.

Wipe up any spills immediately with a dry lint free cloth. Direct bright sunlight and a hot room will speed up the rate at which the oil will dry out from the oak surface. Always use protective mats for plates, cups and glasses to remove the risk of water marks.

For any further information please feel free to contact our Customer Service team