

How to look after your Oak Furniture

We are proud to use sustainable European oak in our solid oak furniture. It is a beautiful, natural product that requires a little TLC from time to time and occasionally, a full MOT will keep it looking good as new and last a lifetime. Here are our best tips.



Light and heat

- It's important to remember that oak is a natural material and it will react to heat and light. Oak doesn't like extremes of temperatures so try not to place it near a radiator or a particularly cold place otherwise the wood might start to warp or crack.
- Keep the furniture away from direct sunlight as over time, it may start to change the colour of the furniture.



Cleaning

Day to day your furniture will just need dusting, use a dry dusting cloth to remove dust and dirt. Don't use water or abrasive cleaning materials. If totally necessary, use a slightly damp cloth to go over your furniture.



Moisture

- Use a coaster! This is really important. Solid wood and liquids don't mix well. If you do spill a liquid on the oak, clean it immediately with a dry cloth. If it has started to leave a stain, you will need to allow it to dry completely and then sand out the mark and re-oil the surface.
- Take care with natural oils from cosmetic products or food for example.
- Keep your furniture in a dry cool place away from damp.



The full MOT

- To keep your oak furniture looking top notch for life, we recommend fully sanding your furniture every year or two and applying a couple coats of oil. We like Osmo invisible oil or Danish oil.
- If you feel that your furniture needs a slightly stronger protection, you can apply any varnish, wax or oil. Just bear in mind that any finish you apply will change the colour slightly so just be sure to test your chosen finish on a hidden area to check you like it.

