



Caring For Sunniva

Loving the Outdoors for years to come

Our Sunniva line is built with hand-picked old growth Honduran mahogany trees that have been standing for almost 200 years. Our goal is to have our furniture last long enough to grow the next generation of trees and for each piece to retain its beauty throughout its lifetime. We are all part of nature's cycles, and celebrating that connection is the heart of Sunniva design.

To help extend your relationship with Sunniva, we want to remind you of the importance of proper storage and regular care.



Placement

The color of your chairs and tables will change with exposure to the elements. This is a natural process that will create a beautiful silvery-gray patina. Some of our clients can't wait for their pieces to turn gray so that they blend into the environment and others favor the unique reddish color of the mahogany. This is a personal choice and with either preference caring for your pieces will support their lifespan.

As your piece's age, they will lose the natural oils on the surface. It is these oils that help the impermeability of the wood. Cleaning and putting oil on them once a year or covering them when not in use will slow down that process.

Fortunately, caring for them is quite simple. Our outdoor collection is designed to be rugged, but understanding the environmental factors that affect your piece is important. Placing the furniture in full sun will cause it to acquire its silvery patina more quickly. If your piece receives only partial sunlight, it may age unevenly.

Wind is another factor to consider. Strong winds may knock over your furniture; large pieces like a swing will catch the wind even more. It's a good idea to anchor your swing, or move it if you're expecting high winds. During storms, anything untethered is at risk of damage.

Maintaining Water Resistance

Our chairs are designed to shed water so it has less time to sit on the wood's surface. We saw our lumber radially (or quartersaw) so that the wood is less prone to cracking. Sunniva furniture is structurally designed to resist Mother Nature for years even without much care, but if you want to keep yours looking its best, it will need your help once or twice a year depending on your climate.

The Materials

- Brush or rag for applying cleaner



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The Process (Continued)

Apply First-Step Prep: Pour one to two cups of Penofin 1st Step Prep powder into one gallon of clean water and mix. Using a sprayer, brush or rag, apply the solution liberally. Allow to set for 10-15 minutes, and gently agitate with a stiff bristled non-metallic brush. Rinse off thoroughly and allow furniture to dry completely. Any cleaner you leave will impact the finish quality. You can wipe the water with dry rags to speed up drying and help remove any residue.

Apply Penofin Outdoor Oil Finish: After the furniture has dried, check all the screws and gently tighten any that have loosened. Before and during application, stir the Penofin. For optimum performance, apply the stain at room temperature. Wood should not be hot to the touch or below 45°F. Apply a moderate coat using a brush, stain pad, or plastic pump sprayer.

Allow Penofin 20-30 minutes to penetrate into the wood. After 20-30 minutes, wipe the surface thoroughly with clean lint-free cloths to remove any excess finish. Penofin is a penetrating finish and is not a surface coating. Failure to wipe will allow the finish to dry on the surface of the wood and will result in a tacky finish. After thoroughly wiping off excess finish, simply allow your chair time to dry completely.

Our Tips

Always wear rubber gloves, eye protection and solid shoes when applying. Surface will be slippery. Do not inhale powder or fumes.

Soak any wiping cloths in a bucket of water to avoid the possibility of spontaneous combustion.

This finish should be reapplied every 6 months for the first two years to keep the chairs looking their best.

Storing the chairs under a roof for the off season will prolong their best looking years.

For the metal bands that support the backs, we use stainless steel that will never rust. Should the metal look dull, it will quickly look new again after buffing with 0000 steel wool.

We have worked hard for these chairs to serve you well, and we want you to enjoy them! If you have any further questions about their care, please don't hesitate to contact us.

