

hope garden furniture maintenance

Unlike maintenance free products which are usually disposable, the emphasis on **hope garden furniture** is on making them simple and maintainable and thus to provide an indefinite lifespan. The folding facility of **hope** furniture makes it possible to store easily. It is advisable to do so in periods of inclement weather and long periods of seasonal disuse. Exposure to the elements, time and natural wear & tear from use will result in an attractive and often desirable state, but total neglect will eventually result in corrosion and necessitate specialised repair. A simple maintenance programme applied seasonally will enhance and renew the appearance and prolong the life of your furniture.

Touch up paint

To ensure that you are adequately equipped, each order is accompanied by a tin of touch up paint as per the colour of the order. Whilst not sufficient to repaint your entire order it is suitable to repair inevitable knocks and to apply to those areas most prone to wear. Larger volumes of paint in our standard colours are available from us.

Note: 100% match up is not guaranteed as paint batches from manufacturers differ marginally

Stone

All stone surfaces are sealed with a strong anti-fungal strengthening agent and sealed with a layer of environmentally friendly wax to prevent food and beverage stains. It is still advisable to clean surfaces of spillage as soon as possible.

Daily cleaning with a garden hose, if possible, is recommended for removing fine dust that will settle into the stone.

Cleaning after meals with a soft damp cloth is recommended. Do not use hard abrasive sponges.

To ensure that the seal is maintained, a light, monthly application of wax is required.

This is provided in the maintenance kit on delivery. Follow method below:

Method

- Remove surface dirt with a clean cloth and warm, soapy water
- Important to use mild, ammonia free soap
- Stone must be left to dry 100% (this can take up to 12 hours unless in direct sun)
- Use envirotouch wax balm on a clean cloth
- Apply evenly in small, overlapping, circular movements
- See tin for further instructions

Minor injuries to edge

- Abrade lightly with 120 grit sand paper
- Seal the sanded area

Moving stone

- This applies to all large surfaces, from ø 900mm upwards
- Stone must be 100% dry
- Ensure that the surface is adequately supported, ie. Enough people
- When moved by vehicle, either full surface area in contact or vertically on edge.

Timber

Due to variations in temperature and humidity, timber is prone to expansion and contraction. This results in fine hairline cracks. Exposure to the weather will cause the gloss paint to dull and chalk and eventually crack.

Painted

- Abrade with a light sand paper to provide key
- Apply paint evenly by brush
- Allow to dry overnight
- Paint will only dry to maximum hardness in 48 hrs

Oiled

- Abrade lightly with a light sandpaper
- Apply evirontouch by brush
- Remove any excess with a clean cloth after 15 min
- Allow to dry for 24hrs

Natural

- Timber will initially roughen with exposure to moisture
- Use scouring pads provided to abrade and render the wood smooth
- Timber will cease to roughen after a short period of time and begin to take on a grey, aged appearance
- No further maintenance will be required until the timber deteriorates completely

Note: replacement slats are available from **hope**

Metal

Due to the folding facility of the chair, several components come into contact with one another. It is here that wear will first be evident and where maintenance should take place

Method

- Abrade lightly to remove loose paint and surface corrosion
- Apply 1 or 2 coats evenly by brush
- Allow to dry overnight between coats, allow ±48 hours to cure

Note: folding facility of the chairs should be exercised, failure to do so could impair this facility. Occasional oiling of articulating joints will ensure easy folding.

Maintenance service

For those unable to find the time for regular seasonal maintenance, to assist you **hope** provides the following service:

- Collection
- Disassembly
- Repainting of all components
- Replacement, if necessary, of faulty timber and corroded screws
- Reassembly
- Delivery

Note: collection and delivery are subject to location and quantity. Please call us if you wish to make use of this service (advisable to do so in winter when your furniture is not in use) and we will quote accordingly.

Hope will also undertake to repaint your furniture in a new colour if required

enquiries/help-line: tel: 021-905 3063

