



## Advice for Wicker Care:

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### Wicker:

Wicker furniture should be stored in a dry place that is not directly exposed to the sun and cold.

Check wicker regularly and trim/loose sharp bits.

### How to clean Wicker:

Start by vacuuming the furniture to get rid of surface grime and dirt. Wicker furniture can be hosed down but it takes a longer time to dry. You can simply mix dish soap with warm water then wipe down the furniture with a soft rag. Use a toothbrush or other small brush to get into the crevices in the weaving of certain wicker pieces. Some wicker furniture has wood trim. Use a mixture of wood soap and warm water to clean the wooden areas. Make sure your outdoor furniture is completely dry before you store it. If moisture or dirt is left on your furniture, mold or mildew may form during the winter months. Mold spreads fast and can cause serious damage to your wicker furniture.

### How to protect your wicker:

Once the furniture is clean and dry, you can add a protective coating to keep it looking fresh for next spring. Use a rag to apply a thin coat of paste wax to your wicker outdoor furniture. Another way to clean and polish your wicker furniture is to rub it down with a rag drenched in lemon oil. The lemon oil is protective and gives your furniture a fresh smell. The lemon also helps combat mold and mildew during the long, wet months of winter. You can further extend the life of your wicker furniture by brushing it with a coat of child friendly polyurethane or varnish every few years.

### Unraveling Wicker:

Duct tape along the bottom of the wicker products stops this from happening. With the best will in the world, the wicker products will always be vulnerable. Once the willow begins to unwind, it all goes... a bit like a knitted sock. Children do not mean to be rough but using resources outside this wear and tear happens. Duct tape extends the shelf life by years.

**\*\*NOTE:** Please be sure that any stains or paints used are child-friendly and non-toxic.

### **Cosy care kits**

Cosy stock a variety of brushes, cloths and cleaning products to help you manage your wicker products. Visit [www.cosydirect.co.uk](http://www.cosydirect.co.uk) to find out more.