## Care & Maintenance

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#### About Outdoor Upholstery.

Walters Outdoor cushions utilize "Dry Fast" foam, which allows water to flow through to minimize drying time.

Heavy or prolonged rain may cause the cushions to become saturated. In this case, we recommend removing the cushions and placing them upright on their sides in a dry and/or sunny area to help drain the water and expedite the drying process.

Our outdoor Giati Elements<sup>™</sup> fabrics are resistant to staining, as the acrylic fibers will repel both water-based and oil-based liquids. Occasional cleaning as needed will prevent stains from becoming embedded in the fibers of the fabric.

If COM is specified, please review the cleaning and care instructions provided by the fabric manufacturer for best results.

#### Guidelines.

- Do not use an abrasive cleaner, sponge, or steel brush.
- If preparing furniture for winter storage or other long-term storage, it's best to clean furniture prior to doing so.
- Contact Walters or your Dealer for information about custom-fit protective covers.
- Avoid use of bleach, hot water, or washing machines, as these may damage some materials. Refer to the fabric manufacturer's care guidelines for best results.

#### General Recommendations.

- We strongly suggest using outdoor covers to best protect furniture from outdoor conditions.
- Avoid allowing water to remain on the surface of furniture or fabric covers.
- Always try to remove natural debris, as well as spills from food and beverages, as quickly as possible to avoid stains and mold.
- We recommend that cushions are removed when covering the frames to prevent mold and mildew build-up.
- It's recommended to tilt even outdoor Dry Fast seat cushions upright during periods of heavy rain to facilitate drying.

#### Cleaning.

- Most cleaning needs should be met with a mild soap and water solution applied with a soft bristled brush. Rinse thoroughly with cold water and allow to dry.
- Tough stains, such as bird residue, can be treated with a mild cleanser, such as Simple Green® All-Purpose Cleaner.
- When required, fabric covers may be removed and hand-washed in cold water to restore the overall appearance.

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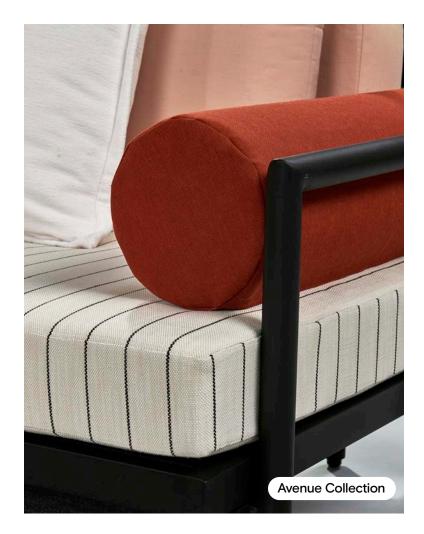
#### Maintenance.

Teak furnishings will release natural oils from within the woodgrain as a result of exposure to rainy or damp conditions. This will become less frequent over time and will eventually stop as the wood weathers, but special care should be taken with fresh teak to prevent these oils from staining the upholstery.

- We strongly recommend removing cushions and pillows from teak furnishings when damp due to rain, humidity, or dew.
- Leaving the cushions in place while wet may result in rust-colored stains where the fabric is in contact with the wood frame.
- It is recommended to clean these stains immediately with a soft brush and mild solution of soap and water. Failure to address these areas promptly will allow the stain to set.

Mildew growth can most often be addressed with light, regular cleaning. However, in instances where mildew is allowed to grow for prolonged periods, bleach may be required to fully address the issue.

- Dillute  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup (4 oz.) of bleach and  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup (2 oz.) mild soap per  $\frac{1}{2}$  gallon of water.
- Scrub the affected area(s) for no more than 15 minutes, then rinse thoroughly with cold water.
- Do not immerse the cushions in the bleach solution; only apply as needed.
- Bleach may break down existing protective coatings on the fabric's surface. We recommend following up with a product such as 303®
  Fabric Guard to restore water and stain repellency.





#### **Product Recommendations**

- 1. Simple Green® All-Purpose Cleaner
- 2. 303® Fabric Guard





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