

# NATURAL SETTINGS CARE AND MAINTENANCE

The furniture from Natural Settings is crafted primarily from fir and pine. These are natural, readily available woods that, when properly designed and cared for, can perform very well outdoors for many years. Like all natural wood products, longevity depends on both thoughtful construction and ongoing maintenance—and both have been carefully considered from the beginning.

## HOW THE FURNITURE IS BUILT

From the earliest design stage, this furniture has been intentionally overbuilt for outdoor use. Structural framing uses doubled lumber where strength matters most, and critical joints are reinforced with redundant exterior-rated fasteners. This redundancy is deliberate: even as wood naturally moves or ages over time, the overall structure remains solid and secure.

## LEG DESIGN, DRAINAGE, AND AIRFLOW

Special attention has been given to the leg ends, as this is where outdoor furniture experiences the greatest structural demand and the most exposure to moisture. Because the leg ends are hollow by design, they have been engineered with drainage holes on the underside to allow water to escape and promote air circulation, helping the furniture dry naturally after rain.

## REMOVABLE SIDE PANELS AND MOISTURE MANAGEMENT

The top three side panels on each leg end are removable. This allows access to the interior of the legs if inspection or maintenance is ever needed. Over time, outdoor exposure can introduce moisture or debris inside hollow structures. If this occurs, the interior can be cleaned, disinfected, dried, or refinished as needed, extending the usable life of the furniture.

## PLACEMENT AND GROUND CONTACT

When placing the furniture outdoors, it is important that the leg ends do not sit directly in standing water. Continuous contact with wet ground can shorten the life of any wood product. Elevating the furniture slightly using decks, patios, pavers, discreet feet, or concealed spacers helps protect the leg ends while remaining visually unobtrusive.

## FINISH OPTIONS AND ONGOING MAINTENANCE

To preserve the natural grain and character of the wood, an exterior deck stain is recommended. Most quality outdoor stains last two to three years depending on exposure. Homeowners may also choose to transition to a solid-color exterior paint, applied over a proper primer, for added durability and reduced maintenance.

## **CUSHIONS AND REPLACEMENT**

Cushions are designed in standard sizes, making replacement straightforward and affordable. Storing cushions indoors when not in use will extend their lifespan, and replacements can be sourced online or at most home or garden centers.

## **A NATURAL MATERIAL, DESIGNED WITH INTENTION**

Wood is a living material, and no outdoor wood furniture is maintenance-free. What sets Natural Settings furniture apart is that it is built strong from the start, engineered with redundancy, designed to be maintained rather than discarded, and made to age with character. With thoughtful placement and basic care, this furniture is designed to serve you well season after season.