

## Care Guide

Mr. Brown furniture and home décor, crafted in wood, metal and cement-as well as other materials-is intended for use in semi-outdoor environments, such as covered porches, as well as interior spaces. Materials and finishes have been developed to resist – but not overcome – the elements. Note that continual exposure to the elements will shorten the lifetime of any finish. Your furniture was made to withstand the wear and weather it will be subject to on the porch, patio or deck, but it still needs a little care from time to time to keep its dashing good-looks. In order to ensure your Mr. Brown piece stays with you for many years to come, we recommend covering during the off-season and following these simple cleaning and maintenance tips:

- Cement pieces are finished with acrylic sealer designed to resist moisture and dirt.
- Waxing your item every 6 weeks is a quick and easy process that will provide additional protection for prolonging the life of your product.
- For covered-porch winter storage, raise the furniture off the ground/floor to prevent freezing.
- Cement surfaces can be cleaned with a cloth dampened with warm soapy water and then
  wiped dry. Do not use any abrasive chemical cleaners, which will wear down the cement's
  surface seal.
- Inherent to any artisan concrete product are natural markings and inconsistencies that give
  the desirable unique texture and color. Hairline cracks which are not structural may naturally
  occur in any concrete piece. Molding folds, which are inherent to the molding process in
  production, may also occur.
- Wood and metal finishes are protected against moisture with a strong epoxy, and may be
  cleaned with warm soapy water. Spills should be taken care of immediately with a soapy
  sponge before they harden or stain. Metal parts are sealed with a lacquer to prevent
  oxidation and discoloration, and may be cleaned with a damp cloth and soap as needed.
- Should the finish on a metal base be so damaged as to expose the raw metal, promptly make a repair with an approved anti-rust paint.
- Wood (and metal to a lesser extent) is subject to mildew in continual warm, wet or humid conditions. Remove wooden furniture from standing water. Mildew can be addressed with the addition of vinegar to the warm soapy water noted above.
- Direct and prolonged exposure to strong sunlight should be avoided and any mildew that might form in a damp shaded location can be cleaned off with a warm soapy water/vinegar mix, do not use bleach.
- Use placemats or a trivet for any hot pots or pans placed on the top and do not use the top as a cutting surface; use a chopping board.

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