

# Outdoor Furniture Use & Care Manual

## General Guidelines for Long-Term Performance

### 1. Introduction

This manual provides essential care instructions for outdoor furniture, including plastic, metal, and fabric products. Following these guidelines ensures durability and maintains appearance through seasonal changes.

### 2. Daily Cleaning & Maintenance

For All Products:

Cleaning Frequency: Rinse monthly with water; deep clean seasonally.

Method:

Use mild soap (e.g., dish detergent) and lukewarm water.

Scrub gently with a soft brush or cloth.

Rinse thoroughly and air-dry.

Avoid:

Harsh chemicals (bleach, acids), abrasive tools, or high-pressure washers.

### 3. Storage Guidelines

Short-Term (Off-Season):

Clean and dry thoroughly.

Stack with protective padding (e.g., foam) between items.

Long-Term:

Disassemble removable parts (e.g., umbrella fabric).

Store in dry, ventilated areas; avoid plastic wraps (traps moisture).

### 4. Safety & Best Practices

Heat Warning: Metal/plastic surfaces may become hot in direct sun.

Weight Limits: Adhere to manufacturers load capacity (e.g., swing chair: ≤600 lb).

Stability: Anchor freestanding items (e.g., umbrellas) in windy areas.



## **Safety Warnings**

Critical for Swings & Suspended Products:

Limits:

Do not stand or kneel on swings.

Installation:

Hang only from structural beams rated for dynamic loads (e.g., 4×4" cedar or reinforced metal).

Verify clearance:  $\geq 6$  ft (2 m) from obstacles in all swing directions.

Usage:

Children must be supervised.

Check ropes/chains monthly for fraying, rust, or weakness.

Never swing empty seats violently (causes undue stress on anchors).



## **General Safety:**

Do not climb on roofs or non-load-bearing structures.

Locate underground utilities before installing stakes/anchors.

Maintain  $\geq 6$  ft (2 m) clearance from overhead power lines.

Grills/fire pits must be  $\geq 10$  ft (3 m) away from any structure.