



**Aylett Nurseries**  
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# Garden Furniture Care

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## Cleaning your Kettler Mesh Metal and Aluminium Garden Furniture

Kettler Mesh Metal is totally weatherproof and wonderfully low maintenance. Our Aluminium Furniture is powder coated with a finish that is easy to wipe down to ensure a timeless look.

Here are few tips to maintain and clean your furniture:

- If your furniture is stained, wipe down with a soft wet cloth and warm mild soapy water. Do not use anything abrasive.
- To prolong the life of your furniture you can use a good quality spray polish once a year.
- If your furniture becomes scratched or is accidentally damaged, we recommend you touch it up with a metal or touch-up paint from the supplier.
- We do not recommend the use of plastic sheeting to cover the product, if you do decide to cover it, ensure that you use a breathable cover.

## Restoring & Treating Wooden Garden Furniture

Untreated furniture will soon show the effects of the weather - Garden Furniture Restorer helps bring the colour and life back to greying wood, quickly and easily.

Garden Furniture Stain Teak Oil penetrates into the wood, replacing the natural oils lost through weathering. Use it on new or newly restored furniture to keep the wood nourished and prevent it from cracking or splitting

If you want to add colour to your garden we would recommend using Cuprinol Garden Shades. This gives a beautiful, long lasting colour and protection to all garden wood. We have a selection of paints and products located in our main shop department during the spring and summer months.

# Cleaning your Woven Furniture

Our synthetic woven furniture is maintenance free and impervious to the elements. It is built on an aluminium framework so it is also strong and rust free. The weave is made of durable and weatherproof extruded polyethylene resin and can be left out all year or looks equally good in a conservatory or orangery.

- Light stains and soils may be removed with a solution of mild detergent and water, rinsed with clear water and dried thoroughly.
- heavy stains can be removed with a quality commercial outdoor furniture cleaner and protectant.

## Cushions

- Ensure that you store your cushions and parasol in a dry environment.
- For the cleaning of cushions and seat pads, please refer to the care label. If lightly stained, wipe down with a wet sponge.

## General

We do not recommend covering your furniture, as this could cause mould to develop if the furniture is covered whilst damp. If you wish to cover your furniture, then please use a breathable cover.

The use of a jet spray is not recommended on any garden furniture.

Once a year we advise that you tighten the fittings on your furniture as they can become loose.

We recommend that you don't leave your parasol in the table when not in use. Especially in windy weather, this could lead to your table becoming damaged.

**For further information, care advice and spare parts we recommend the following websites:**

Bramblecrest – [www.bramblecrestservice.com](http://www.bramblecrestservice.com)

Hartman – [www.hartmanuk.com](http://www.hartmanuk.com) – aftercare/spare parts

Kettler – [www.kettler.co.uk](http://www.kettler.co.uk). For touch up paint contact customer services 01527 591901

# Barbeque Care

Caring for your BBQ is quick and easy and if carried out correctly, your BBQ will last for a long time.

## Charcoal:

- Always remove any old ash before you light the BBQ, this allows air to circulate. Once you have added the charcoal, you can use the heat from the fire to clean the cooking grill, with the aid of a steel brush.
- When the charcoal is burnt through, replace the lid, (if there is one). Once the BBQ is cold, cover. This will keep it dry and less prone to rusting.
- If the BBQ hasn't been used for a while or there is a build up of grease you can also clean it with hot soapy water or a solution of soda crystals.

## Gas:

- Pre-heat your grill completely every time you turn it on. This cleans and disinfects the grill, using a stiff brush to clean the grates to remove any food residue.
- By turning up the heat on your grill to maximum after cooking, you will burn off all the drippings and grease.
- Cover your BBQ when cold.
- The gas hose can become damaged or deteriorate with age or animals. Inspect the hose for cracking, slitting or other damage. Replace the hose if there is any sign of damage.
- The hose pipe and adaptor should be checked regularly for leaks using the soapy water method.

## Soapy Water Solution:

You will need a soapy water solution to check for any leaks. Mixing liquid hand soap with water should work fine. Place the solution in a liquid spray bottle. It's a good idea to leave the spray bottle with the BBQ, so it's always a handy reminder to perform the leak test.

## How to Test:

Turn on the gas bottle without turning on the BBQ. This pressurises the system. Next, spray the entire valve, regulator and hose assembly with the soapy water. Alternatively, you can apply the soapy water with a paint brush, basting brush or it can even be sponged on. Bubbles will form if there is a gas leak and you may also smell the gas.

Remember to always test when you re-connect your gas bottle. You need to test the entire assembly from the gas bottle valve all the way to where the gas hose attaches to the BBQ. If you find a leak, turn off the gas bottle immediately! Do not turn back on or attempt to use the BBQ until the problem is rectified.