



*Furniture from the urban forest*

## **Care and Maintenance**

Your City Bench pieces were built to withstand decades, if not generations, of use. We hope you put the pieces to the test and use them often. We also know you'll want to take care of them so we have a few tips:

### **Care:**

Glasses are fine to leave on the surface but we do not recommend leaving them overnight even though this should not pose a problem.

Do not put hot objects directly on the wood surface.

### **Cleaning:**

Warm water and mild soap are all you need to keep the surface in good condition.

Do not use commercial cleaners or wax polishes. The cleaners will often strip the top of its top coat prematurely and the wax polishes will form a waxy build-up.

### **Surface:**

We use a finishing topcoat of Watco satin wax, which makes the surface soft to the touch and provides a gentle sheen. If the surface begins to dull over time we recommend using a bit of this wax to the surface. Apply as instructed.

### **Spot refinishing:**

For most of our furniture we use a satin Minwax Wipe-On Poly for our finish coats. This is a polyurethane finish. If the finish needs to be redone in places that become dry or damaged the wax topcoat will need to be removed with de-natured alcohol and a cotton cloth. Once removed you can sand the area in need of refinishing and apply the wipe-on polyurethane as instructed.

Our finishes are guaranteed for a year but should last much longer.

### **A note on solid wood:**

Over the seasons your piece will expand and contract. It takes on moisture in the summer and releases it in the winter. You can expect some movement of the wood. Nothing is wrong in most cases. But if you have a question please get in touch. Checking is not uncommon when using large slabs and character grain as the wood adjusts to its new environment.