

Protecting steel furniture.

Below are a few different methods you might consider to keep your steel furniture looking its best:

Put it away

The easiest way to keep your furniture clean and avoid corrosion caused by rain and snow is simply to keep it dry. Whilst metal furniture is more resilient to wear and tear than most wooden equivalents, it's still liable to suffer damage over time – particularly the outer powder coating which will begin to break down when subjected to the ravages of the weather. A small bit of water isn't going to cause a problem straight away, but if left to linger for extended periods, it could facilitate rust. So when you're not using your furniture, pop it away somewhere dry, whether that's under the eaves or in the garden shed.

Cover it up

Placing a furniture cover over your metal furniture will give a snug, secure and waterproof covering that will also protect it from dirt, dust or bird foul - which is a particular bane, due to its highly acidic content (- much worse than with cars).

Deal with Scratches

Your furniture's powder coated finish should be strong enough to keep rust at bay, but over time this coating might get chipped or scratched, losing its effectiveness as a rust barrier. Behind this is an EDP coating on the metal, but a scratch down to bare metal will expose an area that will quickly suffer corrosion if not protected. So touch up chips as soon as you spot them, and take extra care not to scratch furniture when moving and storing it.

Give it a coating

The hinges and joints of metal frames lose their protective coat very quickly and so benefit from a regular oil or grease, in just the way you would protect any moving parts, being careful to avoid the areas of the frame that you actually sit or rest on.

For a really top quality life extending treatment give your furniture a good clean and dry, and then coat the whole thing with a tin of clear lacquer.

It's too late! There's already a patch of rust

If you've spotted some rust, all is not lost if you use a rust primer on the affected area – to preventing it from spreading. Then ideally once the area has dried simply paint over it.