

FURNITURE IN RATTAN: THE PHYSICAL LIMITS OF RATTAN, PRECAUTIONS OF USE AND MAIN PRINCIPLES FOR ENSURING ITS LONGEVITY

Rattan canes have extraordinary physical properties albeit some limits.

Rattan grows in wet equatorial forests and shares the same breed as Palm trees.

With its siliceous glass-like skin, rattan is particularly resistant to moisture like most of tropical woods, as of teak.

Rattan can bear rain pretty well for a few days.

However, if the rain keeps pouring on rattan for more than a couple of weeks, moisture will gradually penetrate the rattan fibres, and, day after day, rattan will begin to slowly decay and deteriorate.

The physical limits of rattan imply precautions of use. On the terraces of Parisian cafe chairs can last for decades, while they are outdoor for long time period. But they are stacked every night indoor so they can dry.



Rattan can withstand rain for long hours without impairing its longevity, but rattan must also be able to dry regularly.

Rattan furniture can stay outside during the "beautiful season", while the weather is hot and rather dry.

But as temperature drops during winter, humidity can no longer dry and rattan will gradually become wet, with long and strong rains accentuating this degradation.

In practice these are classic situations on the seaside.

It is mandatory to shelter the seats in a dry and ventilated place to avoid gradual humidification, which happens from mid-October to mid-March in Northern countries.

The alternative if you want to use rattan furniture all year-round, one must protect rattan indoor every night, as it is done the French terraces.

In short, 2 main rules to respect:

- During the winter season (15 October to 15 March in Europe), in all climates: The furniture must be stored "dry". It can however be left outdoor during the day, but must be kept dry during the night.
- During summer, the rattan can remain permanently outside. As long as it does not rain continuously for more than a few days.

Only take it out once the rain has stopped (In any case, a terrace cannot be used in the rain).



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