Outdoor Furniture Checklist

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- ☐ Selecting your Outdoor Furniture
  - ☐ Figure out your budget.
  - ☐ Look at the landscape of your yard - consider the size.
  - ☐ Decide whether you want stackable or foldaway furniture that will be put away in the shed.
  - ☐ Determine your luxury level, and how the outdoor patio furniture will be used.
  - ☐ Decide on the type of material - it determines maintenance requirements.
  - ☐ Decide on a color theme.
  - ☐ Determine how many people will sit at the table.
  - ☐ Determine if you want cushions on the chairs.
- ☐ Buying your Outdoor Furniture
  - ☐ Sit in the chairs to get a feel for fit and comfort.
  - ☐ Make sure the seat height seem right for the table height.
  - ☐ Ensure the table is designed to give everyone's legs plenty of clearance.
  - ☐ Check if armrests are matched to the table height.
  - ☐ Make sure the armrests are designed for comfort.
  - ☐ Ensure chair seats are roomy side to side and front to back.
  - ☐ Be sure the cushions fit the seats well and have ample padding.
  - ☐ Make sure wood furniture have closely fitted joints.
  - ☐ Be sure welded joints on metal furniture are neatly done and unobtrusive.
  - ☐ Painted surfaces should be uniform, with no drips, ripples, or missed spots.
  - ☐ There should be no sharp, unfinished edges on metal furniture.
  - ☐ Make sure the furniture is designed so that nuts and bolts holding pieces together are hidden or capped.
- ☐ Maintenance Tips
  - ☐ Hose down plastic outdoor wicker to remove airborne dust and dirt.
  - ☐ Keep water away from genuine wicker.
  - ☐ Unfinished teak will weather to a silvery gray.

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- ☐ If you want to preserve teak's rich, golden-brown color, sand the furniture and apply teak oil annually.
- ☐ Steel and wrought iron need to be painted to prevent rust.
- ☐ Cover the furniture to keep rain away.