

Cabinet Care & Maintenance

Daily care for your cabinets is simple and easy. The key is to wipe up spills and water marks when they occur. Be especially attentive in the sink and dishwasher areas. Do not hang wet dish towels over the cabinet doors. Over time, this moisture exposure can cause irreversible damage to the wood and finish. Dust cabinets frequently with a slightly dampened cloth or a spray-type dust remover.

Long-Term Care

We recommend that you wash and polish cabinets once or twice each year depending on use. Use a light coat of a high quality, oil-based furniture polish. Do not use paste, wax, or polishes that contain silicone. The build-up is difficult to remove and will leave a residue that attracts dust.

Caution: Heat and Humidity

Be careful with your cabinetry around appliances that emit high heat, such as self-cleaning ovens. To avoid damage from heat exposure, we recommend removing cabinet doors and drawers during oven cleaning cycles. It is important to always keep cabinet surfaces dry. In areas that experience excessive humidity, such as bathrooms, be conscious of moisture build-up that, if not wiped off, can damage the cabinets' finish.

Caution: Cleaners, Sponges, Pads, Aerosols and Wax

Harsh abrasives will mar the topcoat stain or paint finish. NEVER USE:

- Commercial detergents
- Powdered cleansers
- Scouring sponge pads (such as Scotch-Brite)
- "Magic" eraser pads
- Steel wool
- Spray polishes containing silicones or petroleum solvents
- Paste, wax or products containing silicone (residue attracts dust and can build up over time)

Note: Exposure to Light & Environmental Conditions

Hardwoods vary in color, characteristics, and may exhibit subtle changes as they age. Changes in temperature, humidity, or prolonged moisture will cause normal "movement" in hardwood products. Sunlight, smoke, household cleaners and other environmental conditions may also affect the color match over time. Ultraviolet (UV) light present in natural sunlight will affect the appearance of your cabinets. The finish on your cabinetry will not change with exposure to UV light, but due to its natural characteristics, the appearance of the wood itself may change. Depending on the amount and direction of light exposure, the portion of your cabinetry that receives light may change in appearance.