

# THE DO'S & DON'TS OF PROPER SINK CARE

To keep your new kitchen or bathroom sink looking beautiful, it's important to clean and care for it properly. Care instructions typically vary depending on the construction material.

Here is a helpful list of do's and don'ts for sink cleaning and maintenance organized by sink type:

### PETRIFIED WOOD, BAMBOO, TEAK, AND MAHOGANY

- DO: Clean with a soft damp cloth and wipe dry immediately to eliminate water spots or soap build-up.
- <u>DO:</u> Reseal your sink. Your sink has been sealed with a wood sealant. When water does not bead-up or sit on the finish, we recommend you reseal your sink.
- <u>DO:</u> Install properly. For drain installation, it is extremely important that your sink is installed perfectly flush, level and no water remains in the sink after use. Add a thin layer of clear silicone in the drain area and allow it to dry overnight before installing. This will add one more layer of protection.

**DON'T** use any abrasive cleaning materials or cleaning pads.

### **CERAMIC AND VITREOUS CHINA**

DO: Clean with a soft damp cloth and wipe dry immediately to eliminate water spots or soap build-up.

**DON'T** use any abrasive cleaning materials or cleaning pads.

#### **COPPER**

- <u>DO:</u> Understand your finish. Copper is a living finish and will patina. The pewter sinks are fashioned from copper with a Brushed Nickel (sometimes referred to as pewter) finish and will not patina under normal conditions, but may tarnish slightly. Copper is corrosion resistant and will never rust.
- <u>DO:</u> Wipe dry with a clean cloth after each use. If your home is located in a hard water area, the copper product must be dried after each use to prevent deposit buildup.
- DO: Wash the copper sink with mild soap and water. Dry with a clean, soft cloth.
- DO: Apply a copper wax onto the surface every 15-20 days to maintain the original finish.
- <u>DON'T</u> let hot pans, rubber mats, or sponges sit in the sink. It may cause discoloration.
- <u>DON'T</u> use copper or silver cleaners or any abrasive or harsh chemicals such as acid, bleach, etc.

## **FIRECLAY**

- DO: Clean with a soft damp cloth and wipe dry immediately to eliminate water spots or soap build-up.
- DO: Scrape off any heavy grime with a plastic spatula.

**DON'T** use any abrasive cleaning materials or cleaning pads.



## GRANITE, MARBLE, ONYX, SANDSTONE, RIVER STONE, AND TRAVERTINE

<u>DO:</u> Clean with a soft damp cloth and wipe dry immediately to eliminate water spots or soap build-up.

<u>DO:</u> Reseal when needed. Your sink has been sealed. When water does not bead-up or sit on the finish, we recommend you reseal your sink with a stone sealer.

<u>DON'T</u> use any abrasive cleaning materials or cleaning pads.

### **RESIN**

<u>DO:</u> Wash the resin sink with mild soap and water. Dry with a clean soft cloth. Resin's non-porous surface naturally resists stains, scratches, and discoloration.

<u>DO:</u> Sand to repair. If a minor scratch should occur, rinse te dirt from the surface with clean water and rubi n a small circular mmotion using #800 grit sandpaper until the scratch is gone. Follow-up with a #1200 sandpaper to smooth the area. Dry with a clean soft cloth and finish by polishing with automobile polish.

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