

## CARE & MAINTENANCE

### BASIC CLEANING:

- Use a clean, soft, and lint-free cotton cloth dampened with warm water or a mild cleaner, if necessary, for cleaning your cabinet frames, fronts, shelves, and other wooden surfaces.
- Use only cleaning agents intended for the materials you have.
- Avoid damaging cabinet stains and finishes by blotting the surface instead of wiping when cleaning.
- Never use a dirty or greasy cloth to clean cabinetry.
- Harsh detergent residues may damage finishes.
- Spills, water spots, and grease will come off easier if removed promptly.
- Make sure cabinets are dry after cleaning. Avoid excessive moisture on wood cabinets.
- Check areas around the sink and dishwasher to make sure that water and detergents do not dry on the cabinet surface.
- Do not leave printed materials (newspapers, magazines, etc.) on cabinet surfaces as printed ink can bleed into the finish.
- Avoid using a dirty dishcloth or a sponge to clean cabinet surfaces as it may contain remnants of harsh detergents that can harm the finish.
- The following products and ingredients can damage cabinets and should be avoided:
  - Petroleum-based products
  - Solvents
  - Bleach
  - Strong detergents and soaps
  - Nail polish remover
  - Paint thinners
  - Wire brushes
  - Steel wool
  - Abrasive
  - Scoring pad
  - Ammonia
  - Soaps with dye
  - Self-polishing waxes (especially those that contain silicone)

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AVOID EXCESSIVE MOISTURE & HEAT:

- Avoid draping wet or damp dishtowels over cabinet doors.
- Give special attention to areas around the sink and dishwasher.
- Do not attach towel racks to interior cabinet doors.
- Use trays under potted plants to catch excess water.
- Avoid placing small kitchen appliances, like coffee pots or toaster ovens, where heat or steam is directed onto cabinet surfaces.
- Always protect wood surfaces by using hot pads under hot items

AVOID ABRASIVES:

- Never use scouring pads, steel wool, wire brushes or powdered cleaners.
- Do not allow oven cleaners to contact any part of the cabinets.
- Avoid sliding objects across cabinet surfaces.
- Be careful with knives and other sharp objects that can damage cabinet surfaces.