

CLEANING & MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS For Your New Cabinets

IMPORTANT NOTICE: These Cleaning & Maintenance Instructions are provided to help preserve the appearance, performance, and longevity of your cabinetry. **Failure to follow these guidelines may affect warranty coverage**, as outlined in Burkard Custom Cabinets' *Limited Warranty* and *Finish Disclosure & Acknowledgement Form*.

GENERAL CLEANING

Routine Cleaning

- Clean cabinet surfaces regularly using a soft, damp cloth with a mild soap solution.
- Rinse with clean water and dry thoroughly using a soft cloth.
- Promptly remove dust, grease, or residue to prevent buildup.

Avoid Harsh or Inappropriate Cleaners

Do **not** use the following on cabinet surfaces, as they may damage the finish and void warranty coverage:

- abrasive cleaners or scouring pads
- Magic Erasers or melamine sponges
- ammonia-based cleaners
- bleach or chlorine-based products
- citrus-based cleaners
- silicone sprays, waxes, or furniture polish
- harsh chemicals or solvents

Only mild soap and water are recommended unless otherwise approved by Burkard Custom Cabinets.

MOISTURE & HEAT PROTECTION

Wipe Spills Immediately

- Clean spills promptly to prevent moisture penetration into wood or finishes.
- Do not allow water or cleaning solutions to sit on cabinet surfaces.

Heat & Impact Protection

- Use cutting boards, trivets, and protective mats when working with hot, sharp, or heavy objects.
- Avoid placing heat-producing appliances directly against cabinet surfaces.

Stable Indoor Environment

Wood naturally expands and contracts with changes in temperature and humidity. To minimize movement:

- Maintain indoor temperatures between **60–80°F**
- Maintain relative humidity between **30–50%**

Failure to maintain reasonable environmental conditions may result in wood movement, joint lines, finish changes, or surface variation. These are **normal characteristics of wood products** and are not considered defects.

HARDWARE CARE

- Periodically inspect and tighten hinges, handles, knobs, and drawer slides as needed.
- Clean hardware with a soft, dry cloth.
- Avoid abrasive cleaners or polishing compounds that may scratch or tarnish finishes.

PROLONGING CABINET LIFE

- Avoid impact from heavy or sharp objects that may cause dents or scratches.
- Use felt pads or protective mats beneath decorative objects placed on cabinet surfaces.
- Do not overload drawers or shelves beyond their intended capacity, as this may cause sagging or damage over time.

TOUCH-UPS & MAINTENANCE

Minor Repairs

- Minor scratches or surface wear may be improved using a manufacturer-approved touch-up kit that matches your cabinet finish.
- Contact Burkard Custom Cabinets for product recommendations when needed.

Touch-ups are intended to **reduce the visibility** of minor damage. Due to natural wood variation and finishing processes, touch-ups may remain visible.

Refinishing

Over time, cabinetry may show signs of normal wear. Full refinishing is a **cosmetic option** that may be considered periodically to refresh appearance but is not required for structural performance or durability.

LONG-TERM CARE

- Periodically inspect cabinetry for signs of wear or damage and address issues promptly.
- For significant repairs, adjustments, or refinishing, consult a qualified professional to ensure proper care and longevity.

DOCUMENT HIERARCHY & WARRANTY RELATIONSHIP

These Cleaning & Maintenance Instructions work in conjunction with Burkard Custom Cabinets' *Finish Disclosure & Acknowledgement Form* and *Limited Warranty*. In the event of a conflict, the **Limited Warranty and applicable industry standards** govern warranty coverage and interpretation.