



## Cabinetry Product Use and Care Guide

In order to best maintain the appearance and durability of your cabinetry, we recommend the following--

### General Care

- Accumulated dust can make further cleaning of your cabinetry more cumbersome. Dust your cabinetry regularly with a clean soft duster to remove loose dust.
- Always use a clean slightly damp soft cloth to wipe up spills as soon as they occur, and wipe in the direction of the wood grain. Do not use products containing bleach or ammonia.
- Avoid cleaning with a dishcloth or sponge, as they may contain remnants of grease, detergents or abrasive substances.
- Avoid aggressive scrubbing. Never use things like steel wool, abrasive pads or abrasive cleaners.
- If a cleaner is necessary, use a diluted solution of white vinegar and water (1 cup white vinegar per gallon of lukewarm water), or a small amount of pH-neutral household dishwashing liquid in a pail of water (less than ½ oz per gallon of lukewarm water). Be sure to remove all residue with a clean slightly damp cloth.
- Keep your cabinets dry and clean up spills as they happen. Remove food residue, and cooking splatter as soon as you can. Accumulation of things like smoke, citrus, oils, vinegar or other condiments may be detrimental to the appearance of your finish over the long term.
- Commercial-grade or other heavy-duty cleaners should not be used.

### Special Considerations

- Keep surfaces dry. Avoid pooling of water on or adjacent to your cabinets. Refrain from draping damp dish cloths next to cabinets.
- Proper ventilation of heat and moisture will prolong the finish of your cabinetry. Avoid placement of appliances that generate steam where humidity can accumulate under or around your cabinets. Maintain proper ventilation away from cooking areas and appliances such as a dishwasher or steam oven.

### Humidity

- Humidity in your home should be properly regulated in a range of 35% to 60%. Wood is a natural product and is subject to natural swelling and contraction due to its porous nature. Proper humidity levels will help maintain the integrity of your cabinetry.
- If your cabinetry will remain enclosed and unattended for extended periods (either in storage or while you are away), a controlled environment should still be maintained with proper temperature and humidity levels.

### Sunlight

- Protect your cabinetry from prolonged exposure to sunlight. Most woods will change color (possibly lighter or darker, depending on wood species) over time when subjected to sunlight.

### Door Warpage

- Doors that appear to be warped may have simply shifted during installation or may be the result of irregular expansion due to humidity. Make sure the door is properly adjusted and allow the door to hang through two (2) seasons (spring, summer). Typically, the door will return to its normal flat position after conditioning to its environment.