

CABINET CARE

HOW TO KEEP YOUR CABINETS CLEAN EVERYDAY:

- Dust them periodically, keep them clean by using a soft lint-free cloth (high gloss cabinets require a microfiber cloth).

NEED A DEEPER CLEAN?

- Use a clean, soft cotton cloth (high gloss cabinets require a microfiber cloth) dampened with warm water.
- For extra grime fighting, a mild solution of dish washing liquid (not dishwasher products) mixed with clean, warm water (5% dish washing liquid to 95%) will take care of dirt and grease.
- After cleaning your cabinets, wipe them down with a clean, damp cloth and be sure to dry wet/damp surfaces with another clean soft cloth.

SPILLS:

- Wipe up spills as quickly as possible. Clean as needed with a mild solution of dish washing liquid (not dishwasher products) mixed with clean, warm water (5% dish washing liquid to 95%).
- Prolonged exposure to food, water and other liquids, as well as grease and oil splatters can cause permanent damage or discoloration to your cabinet's finish.
- Dry after cleaning, using a soft, clean cloth (high gloss cabinets require a microfiber cloth).

PRODUCTS TO AVOID:

- Harsh detergents, strong soaps, multi-purpose and abrasive cleaning products
- Tub and sink cleaners
- Scouring powders and scouring pads
- Steel wool or self-polishing waxes
- Sponges or dish cloths
- Paper towels or similar products especially for high gloss cabinetry, due to the ease of scratching
- Solvent based or petroleum based products such as mineral spirits, nail-polish removers or paint thinners
- Ammonia, bleach or cleaning products that contain either ammonia or bleach
- Silicone based cleaning, waxing or polishing products

BE AWARE:

- Don't drape damp dishtowels or clothes over your cabinet doors. Moisture can cause permanent damage, like peeling and discoloration to the cabinet finish. Dry wet surfaces immediately using a soft, clean cloth.
- Wood will expand and contract based upon the amount of moisture in the home. Maintaining a consistent temperature and humidity level is key to cabinet health.
- Heat from the self-cleaning oven feature is much greater than normal cooking temperatures, and could potentially damage surrounding cabinetry.
- Direct sunlight tends to darken the color of natural wood products. Painted wood surfaces and high gloss are also suspect to fading or discoloration. Draperies or blinds are the best defense to shield cabinetry from direct sunlight.
- Additionally, don't clean high gloss materials in direct sunlight.