



Vessel Sinks

The General Care and Cleaning of Any Vessel-Style Sink

Vessel sinks are available in porcelain, glass, stone, bronze, copper, bamboo, and stainless steel. Although this is quite a varied assortment of materials, for general maintenance all can be regularly cleaned with a mild detergent, warm water and a soft cloth. Wiping down and drying any sink after each use is the best protection against hard water creating blemishes which may become difficult to eliminate. For a thorough cleaning after extended use, or to remove stubborn stains, each material requires its own deep cleaning solutions.

Glass

SANITIZATION

Glass sinks should be cleaned on a regular basis in order to avoid any mineral or bacteria buildup. Spots or fingerprints can be wiped away with a standard glass cleaner, or a mixture of vinegar and water, and a soft cloth. Avoid abrasive cleaners or scouring pads which may scratch the glass. Be careful when cleaning the exterior of a glass sink as it might have a foil or printed application which could be damaged by scrubbing.

WATER TEMPERATURE

Extremely hot water could cause a glass sink to crack or shatter. As a general rule, if the water is too hot to the touch, then it is too hot to be in a glass sink.

HARD WATER

Wiping the sink dry after each use is important in order to avoid spots, especially if you have hard water. Long-standing hard water spots on glass can create mineral stains which cannot be removed.

DAMAGE

Do not store heavy or sharp objects above glass sinks. If they fall, they can scratch or shatter the sink. A chipped or cracked glass sink cannot be repaired.

FROSTED GLASS

Frosted glass exteriors can be cleaned with standard ammonia-based glass cleaners. Using paper towels, newspaper or an abrasive sponge, wipe the frosted glass sink in a circular motion. Frosted glass is much tougher than “normal” glass due to the process it underwent to achieve its appearance, so it can be scrubbed vigorously.