

Care and Cleaning Instructions for your Bathroom Vanity

Wood is a natural material that is subject to changes in moisture and temperature. In other words, it moves and changes ever so slightly when exposed to humidity, heat or cold. Properly sealed and maintained wood and stone tops and cabinets are durable, beautiful and easy to use, but it is important to carefully follow the installation and care and maintenance instructions for your specific type of finish.

If you follow these directions carefully your vanity will be easy to maintain, will look great, and will last for many years. Your vanity, wooden backsplash and both wooden or stone tops have all been finished with a water resistant finish. In the case of the backsplash and wooden top, an additional sealing finish was added to make the top virtually impenetrable to water. These steps are essential to maintain your top and its warranty.

DO NOT use *bleach based* cleaning products on the finish. Bleach and ammonia are chemicals that we have found that will harm this finish. Be aware that some dishwasher detergents, such as Liquid Cascade, have bleach in them. If this type of detergent comes in contact with the finish, it should be wiped up immediately. If allowed to sit, it can harm the finish.

DO NOT use abrasive materials to clean your vanity or top. These would include bristle pads or similarly rough pads or dry cleaning products such as Ajax or Comet.

DO NOT cut, drill or change your top in any way without refinishing all exposed surfaces thoroughly. After you install your sink in your wooden top, you should reseal the affected area with a wood sealant. We recommend Cabot 8065 which can be found at www.cabotstain.com.

Cleaning your top:

Wash your stone or wooden top with mild soap and water, and then rinse and dry. Disinfect with a weak solution of vinegar and water in a spray bottle, if desired. Be sure to dry the top thoroughly. We also recommend using a Guardsman product to polish or clean your wooden cabinet and top. Those products are available at www.shopguardsman.com.

Problem Solving:

Nicks, Scratches, etc; Touch ups can be done at any time. Lightly sand the area and reseal the affected area using Cabot 8065 which can be found at www.cabotstain.com.

Color Variations: Dark streaks can occur in wood. These are caused by a natural discoloring of the wood due to mineral deposits in the tree. Other color variations are natural characteristics of the wood. *This is not a flaw or problem.* It is normal and adds to the individuality of your top.

Natural Stones: Quarried natural stone by nature have conditions that cannot be controlled, i.e. Color, size, veining, fissures, & thickness, etc. Granite, marble, limestone, travertine & any quarried products offered have been cut from carefully selected stone blocks produced by Mother Earth. As a natural stone product, please understand that some stone may contain naturally occurring imperfections, which are characteristic to the stone. These characteristics will include color and shade variations, geological flaws, irregular markings, voids, veins, fissures, cracks, lines and/or minor separations. It is a standard practice by the manufacturer to repair these separations by one or more of the following methods: waxing, filling, or reinforcements with non-stone products. All of these variations and characteristics are common and present to some degree. However, part of the beauty of having natural stone is the characteristics, which will not impair the function or wearing of the materials.