

# SINKOLOGY™

## Cleaning + Care Guide

Caring for your sink is easier than you think.

# Cleaning & Care

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A kitchen sink with a textured copper finish is the central focus. The sink is rectangular with rounded corners and a central drain. It is set on a white countertop. To the left of the sink is a wooden mortar and pestle with green leaves inside. To the right is a small glass vase with green leaves. In the background, a black faucet is visible. The overall scene is brightly lit, suggesting a clean and modern kitchen environment.

## Copper Care

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## The Nature of Copper

Ever have an old perfect pair of blue jeans? Or a comfortable pair of broken-in boots? Time breaks these things in, and the way we use them molds them to our shape. Copper is a lot like that. If you've ever compared a shiny new penny to an older penny, you see the difference in color. That's because copper has a living finish that changes and evolves with how you use it. It's what makes copper beautiful and raw. The living finish is called the patina, and it's a natural protective coating that ensures copper won't corrode.

The patina of your copper sink will always change. Certain acidic foods or chemicals will strip it off, and time will bring it back. It will go from light to dark, from extreme to subtle, but one thing's for sure: it will always be changing.

Just like with life, change is the only constant.  
And change is good.



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## Maintenance

While the sink will never look the same as the day you installed it, it will always be a striking centerpiece in your room that you will use heavily. It's a very unique looking and beautiful material, but it's also a very strong and resilient metal.

The patina helps protect the sink from corrosion, so you'll never have to worry about rust or brittleness of the metal. Because of this, maintenance is very simple: just keep your sink clean. Here are a few tips on the daily care and maintenance of your copper sink:

- Clean after use with warm water, a gentle dish soap, and a soft cloth
- As with any surface that comes in contact with food, avoid harsh and abrasive chemicals
- Clear out food debris and dishes to prevent temporary discoloration
- Apply Sinkology Copper Armor regularly to protect and shine your copper sink's finish



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## Discoloration

It's inevitable. Discoloration will occur with a copper sink; it's the nature of the metal. There are many reasons why discoloration occurs: harsh chemicals, long exposure to acidic materials (lemons, ketchup, toothpaste, etc.) or other types of food, general heavy use, etc. But, don't panic.

When discoloration happens, time and patience are typically all that are needed for your sink's patina to restore and blend in. You may see shiny spots, but rest assured: the patina will return to these areas and even out across your copper sink. You don't need to do anything in particular to allow the patina to eventually return, but if you would like to help the colors blend more quickly, here are a couple of tips:

- Wash your sink rigorously with hot, soapy water and a Sinkology Breeze Scrubber. Scrub hard enough to lighten the patina a few shades in problem areas, but be sure not to take the patina completely off

- Rinse clean with hot water and dry with a microfiber cloth (included in the Copper Armor Care Kit). This intense scrubbing combined with hot water will help accelerate and blend the natural patina of your copper sink. Avoid using Copper Armor on shiny spots to let the patina process occur naturally



If you don't clean your sink regularly, you may also see some green build-up on particularly dirty areas. Don't be alarmed; this is just oxidation. Simply scrub the area with your Sinkology Breeze Scrubber or your fingernail until the build-up is removed and then clean the area.

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## Tips for Reducing Discoloration

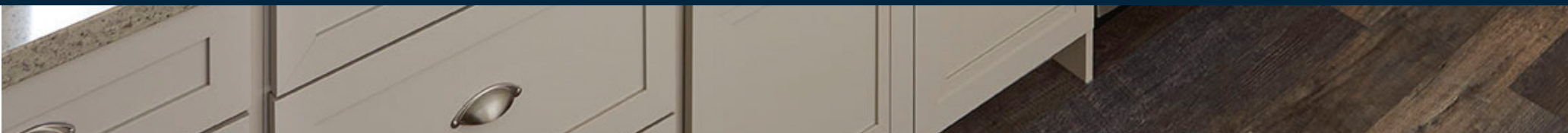
Eliminating discolorations is nearly impossible. Over the years, we have learned a few helpful tips to reduce discoloration and spotting:

- Rinse your sink completely after use
- Clean your sink regularly to reduce green build-up from the patina as well as spotting from food, juice, chemicals, or other types of debris
- Treat your sink regularly with Sinkology Copper Armor to help protect your sink's finish by allowing water to bead up and rinse off. It will also help keep food debris from sticking to your sink
- Use a copper sink bottom grid from Sinkology to keep dirty dishes from coming into prolonged contact with the sink's surface
- Use a Sinkology Sidekick Sponge Assistant to keep dirty sponges, rags, and scrubbers from coming into prolonged contact with the sink's surface
- Avoid harsh, abrasive chemicals and drain cleaners





Fireclay Care





## Fireclay Care + Cleaning

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### Overview

Our fireclay blend and proprietary glaze come together to create the most durable fireclay sinks on the market. Sinkology fireclay sinks are guaranteed not to stain, chip, scratch or rust through regular use. But as with any sink, they require regular cleaning with warm, soapy water.

As with any surface that comes into contact with food, don't use harsh, abrasive cleaners or chemicals. Avoid steel wool or metal cleaning pads on the sink. If your sink develops any type of discoloration, using a mild abrasive, such as baking soda, will have your fireclay sink looking brand new again.



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