

### **BRONZE FOUNTAINS & STATUES**

## Care & Maintenance Guide

Bronze is an alloy consisting primarily of copper, tin with the addition of other metals including aluminium, manganese, nickel, or zinc. We highly recommend keeping these bronze features Clean and Polished with the help of waxing.

## **Material & Finishes**

Our Bronze Fountains and Statues are available in two amazing finishes i.e., French Brown & Verdi Green. This is achieved by various combinations in alloy and finish.

## **Oxidization**

Bronze Fountains & Sculptures will eventually oxidize due to various natural elements and environmental factors as they have high copper content. Statues and fountains with French Brown finish, oxidize to Verdi Green over the period of time. Similarly, Verdi Green finish will oxidize to a deep green.

### **Prevention and Care**

To maintain the original finish, we recommend that the bronze be properly waxed on a regular basis. Polishing the bronze statue/fountain with wax will help to remove any oxidation or dirty spots from the bronze, as well as protect the bronze sculpture from moisture.

For Statues and fountains with French Brown finish we suggest using a Brown Wax and using a clear wax for Verdi Green finish. While we particularly recommend "Kiwi Wax", there are many waxes designed especially for bronze sculptures/fountains.

We suggest waxing process to be done several times a year for best results, more often in extreme temperatures or high humidity levels.

# **Wax Application**

Bronze waxing is an easy process. You can simply use a paint brush to apply the wax to your bronze sculpture. At first, put a single coat over the entire feature gradually working with extra in complex areas. It's best to let the wax settle for a few minutes then followed by Polishing the piece using a rag or electric buffer. If you find any oxidation, feel free to repeat the process.

### Winterization

Fountains and water features should also be winterized in very cold climates to protect it from the expansion and contraction nature of freezing water. Make sure to unplug the fountain pump and cord. Drain the water pipes and see that the fountain has no residual water and is completely dry. Once your fountain is completely dry, cover it with a water-resistant cover to prevent water accumulation.