GCARE & MAINTENANCE

INTRODUCTION

Proper care and maintenance of cabinets can help preserve their appearance and functionality over time. Regular cleaning and preventive measures can extend the lifespan of your cabinets and keep them looking new.

DAILY CLEANING

- Wipe down cabinet surfaces with a soft, damp cloth to remove dust and debris.
- Use a mild soap or detergent solution for tougher stains, avoiding abrasive cleaners, and ensure the cleaner is approved for use on wood surfaces.
- Dry cabinet surfaces thoroughly with a clean, dry cloth to prevent water damage.
- Clean spills and splatters immediately to prevent staining and damage.
- Avoid using harsh chemicals, ammonia-based cleaners, or abrasive materials as they may damage the finish of cabinets.

AVOID DAMAGE

- Use coasters or mats under glasses and dishes to prevent water rings and scratches.
- Avoid placing hot pans or dishes directly on cabinet surfaces to prevent heat damage.
- Do not use sharp objects or abrasive materials on cabinet surfaces to avoid scratches.
- Keep cabinet doors and drawers closed when not in use to prevent dust buildup and damage.
- Avoid hanging heavy items on cabinet doors, as this can cause warping or damage to hinges.
- Avoid draping dish towels or other wet items over doors or placing coffee makers where steam vents directly onto cabinet surfaces.

DEALING WITH STAINS & DEEP CLEANING

- For oil or grease stains, use a mild detergent solution and gently scrub the affected area.
- For stubborn stains, make a paste with baking soda and water, apply to the stain, and let sit for a few minutes before wiping clean.
- For water stains, gently rub with a mixture of equal parts vinegar and water, then wipe dry.
- Avoid using abrasive cleaners or scrubbing pads on stains, as they can damage the cabinet finish.

PREVENTIVE MEASURES

- Install door bumpers or soft-close hinges to prevent slamming and reduce wear on cabinet doors.
- Use cabinet liners or mats to protect shelves from scratches, stains, and spills.
- Apply a coat of furniture polish or wax to wooden cabinets every few months to maintain shine and protect the finish.
- Check and tighten loose screws or hardware regularly to ensure proper functionality.
- Avoid excessive exposure to sunlight, as it can fade and damage cabinet finishes over time.
- Use exhaust fans or open windows to reduce moisture buildup, especially during cooking or showering
- Maintain an indoor relative humidity level of 35-50 percent.
- The recommended temperature range for the interior of the home is between 60°-80° F.

PERSONAL MAINTENANCE

• Regularly inspect cabinets for signs of wear, damage, or loose hardware, and address any issues promptly.



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- Store cleaning supplies and chemicals away from cabinet surfaces to prevent spills and damage.
- Consider hiring a professional for deep cleaning or restoration of cabinets if needed.
- Treat your cabinets with care and avoid rough handling to maintain their appearance and functionality.
- Apply furniture polish or wood conditioner periodically to maintain the finish and prevent drying.
- Lubricate hinges and drawer slides with silicone or graphite spray to ensure smooth operation

By following these care and maintenance tips, you can keep your cabinets in top condition and enjoy them for years to come.

