



While the name stainless steel implies that the metal is impervious to blemishes, that is not always the case. Rust is one of the primary complaints we hear about with stainless steel sinks. Understanding some basics about stainless steel, its care, and its cleaning will help you to keep your stainless steel Allora USA sink looking new for years to come.

Caring for your Allora USA Stainless Steel Sink

Allora USA stainless steel sinks are durable and easy to maintain, but there are still some important considerations that you should take in caring for your new sink.

Stainless steel requires regular maintenance to look their best. Neglect your stainless sink and it can end up looking dull and dingy. Make sure to wipe them out regularly to remove water that can leave water spots.

Our sinks, while scratch resistant, are not scratch proof. Scratches are inevitable in any sink material, including stainless steel. Over time, these scratches will become uniform with the sink's grain.

The high quality material used in Allora USA sinks means your sink itself will not rust, instead you may develop rust stains. Rust stains on a stainless steel sink can have a variety of causes including:

- A cast iron pan or other metal pans left to soak
- Utensils or flatware left in the sink
- Metal cans (pet food, vegetables, etc.) set in the sink
- Iron in your water (hint: get an iron filter to help alleviate this issue)
- Certain dish soaps (especially when housed in a metal container or built-in soap dispenser)
- Wet sponges or colored towels

How to Clean and Remove Rust Stains

Now to learn how to remove rust stains from your stainless steel sink. Use only non-scratching, mild abrasive powder, liquids, or sprays, such as Bar Keeper's Friend.

1. Turn on warm water and wet the surface area of your stainless steel sink.
2. Apply Bar Keepers Friend on to a non-abrasive cloth or sponge.
3. Rub cleanser in the direction of the metal's grain to avoid scratching.
4. Do not leave cleanser on sink's surface for longer than one minute.
5. If rust stain is not completely removed, rinse and repeat, using elbow grease, as necessary.
6. Rinse cleanser from stainless steel sink thoroughly using warm water.
7. Use soft towel to dry sink and prevent water spotting.

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What Not to Use on your Stainless Steel Sink

Even though it's pretty tough, there are definitely things that you should avoid using on your sink. Many of these items can damage the chromium oxide layer or scratch the surface of the metal.

- Do not use cleansers that contain chlorides (chlorine, bromine, fluorine, iodine, etc.). These can strip the protective film.
- Steel or metal brushes, steel wool, or abrasive sponges should never be used on stainless steel as they will scratch the surface, which can lead to rust. Steel wool can also leave behind particles that rust in your sink.
- Do not leave rubber dish mats in your sink. They can trap water underneath and cause water stains and discoloration.
- Abrasive cleaners should also be avoided. They can scratch the surface of the stainless steel.
- Metal dish strainers should never be left on stainless steel. They will corrode and leave rust stains in your sink.
- Avoid cleansers that contain alcohol, ammonia, mineral spirits, or lighter fluid. All are caustic to stainless steel, and some are outright dangerous and environmentally unsound.
- Bleach and oven cleaner can stain stainless steel. Wash thoroughly with water if either of these items comes into contact with your stainless steel sink. Do not use any other cleansers to clean these chemicals from your sink until they have been completely rinsed from your sink. Mixing any cleaning products is a big NO.
- Don't put wet sponges, rags, or towels on a stainless steel sink to dry. The moisture can leave stains.
- Never set cast iron cookware in your sink to soak. Moisture causes the iron to rust, which will leave your stainless steel sink with rust stains.

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