

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

COPPER BATHTUBS ARE EASY TO MAINTAIN

Here are three things you can do to maintain a beautiful finish on your copper bathtub:

- Rinse the bathtub with water after each use to avoid mineral deposit buildup, and then pat the surface dry. This is especially important if you live in hard water areas.
- Clean the bathtub with mild soap and a soft cloth from time to time copper is naturally antibacterial, so your bath does most of the work to keep itself clean and sanitary. However, occasional cleaning helps.
- Stay away from abrasives at all costs to avoid scratches and other unsightly damage to the finish.

To protect the finish, it is recommended that a coating of wax is applied to the surface. Most wax products have natural and added UV filters that help guard against color and finish degradation Wax should be applied as often as necessary, depending upon usage.

It is recommended that you use a cleaner or polish that is designed specifically for copper products. You may use a gentle soap, such as dish Washing liquid and warm water. We recommend the use of a soft sponge or microfiber wash cloth.

Do not use any abrasive cleaning pads or materials. Rinse with warm water and dry with a clean, soft cloth. Acidic cleaners, such as lemon juice and vinegar, will strip the antique finish from the copper. Mixtures containing acidic chemicals should be avoided to preserve the finish.

Epsom, or bath salts, should not be used in copper tube, as they will tarnish and corrode the copper appearance.

HOW COPPER AGES

Patina, often referred to as a "living finish." is a naturally occurring tarnish that develops over time as copper is exposed to natural elements, such as water and air. When your copper begins its patina process depends on where, how, and how often the copper is used. For example, a copper kitchen sink which is used countless times daily will patina a bit differently than a copper soaking bathtub which is only used on occasion. Copper living outdoors will also patina differently than indoor copper, developing a pale green tint over time due to chemical reactions with rain and/or salt water. The great benefit of copper is that it will never rust or corrode. The look of the copper will change over time however, its rigidity will stay intact.