



Choice Cabinet®

# CABINET CARE 101

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# HOW TO CLEAN YOUR CABINETS

## DUSTING

Dust your cabinets frequently with a soft, lint-free cloth. If need be, slightly dampen the cloth with water or a spray-type dust remover.

## SPILLS

Clean spills and splatters immediately. Prolonged exposure to spills, including food, water, oil, grease, and other liquids can cause permanent discoloration and/or damage to your cabinet's finish. To clean spills, use a clean, soft cloth dampened with mild soap. Dry immediately with another clean, soft cloth.

## CLEANING

Use a clean, soft cloth dampened with mild soap to clean your cabinets. Dry immediately with another clean, soft cloth. There are also a variety of wood cleaning products available for use on cabinetry.

## WAXING & POLISHING

Waxing your cabinets is not required or recommended. Over time, the wax will build up on the surface of the cabinet. This can cause a hazy, streaky, or yellowed appearance, as well as attract dust particles. The wax can become very difficult to remove. We recommend that you clean and polish your cabinets once or twice each year. To polish your cabinets, use a light coat of quality furniture polish.

## GLASS DOORS

If you have glass panels installed in your cabinet doors, you will want to clean them periodically. To clean the glass, you can use any commercial glass cleaner. Never apply glass cleaner directly to the glass. Spray a small amount of cleaner onto a clean, soft cloth or paper towel, then wipe the glass. Be careful not to damage the cabinet finish or hardware while cleaning.

## HARDWARE

You will want to periodically clean knobs, pulls, or handles installed on your cabinet doors and drawers. To do so, use a clean, soft cloth dampened with mild soap. Thoroughly dry all hardware joints, surfaces, and the surrounding area with another clean, soft cloth.

## PRODUCTS TO AVOID

- Harsh chemicals
- Solvents or petroleum-base products, such as mineral spirits, nail polish removers, or paint thinners
- Abrasive cleaning products
- Ammonia or cleaning products that may contain ammonia
- Bleach or cleaning products that may contain bleach

# HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR CABINETS

## SELF-CLEANING APPLIANCES

Self-cleaning appliances use intense heat during the cleaning cycle. During installation and with age, the integrity of the seal or gasket on the appliance can be compromised. Because of this, Choice Cabinet recommends the removal of any cabinet doors and/or drawers located adjacent to or directly above the appliance during a cleaning cycle.

## HEAT-PRODUCING APPLIANCES

Mounting or placing heat-producing appliances beneath cabinets is not recommended. The excess heat and moisture from appliances, such as coffee makers and toaster ovens, can damage your cabinets.

## UV EFFECTS

Ultraviolet light rays from natural sunlight can affect the appearance of your cabinets. The appearance of your cabinets may change over time depending on the natural characteristics of the wood and the applied finish, the amount/direction of light exposure, and the portion of the cabinet that receives light.

# CABINET MAINTENANCE

No matter how careful you are with your cabinetry, normal wear and tear from everyday use is inevitable. This is why Choice Cabinet has made it easier than ever to keep your cabinets looking brand new.

## TOUCH-UP

We offer touch-up markets and fill sticks that have been specially formulated for each of our high-quality cabinet finishes. Your Choice Cabinet Design Professional can assist you in how to order and how to use these products.

**NOTE:** Substantial repairs may require the help of a professional refinisher.

## ADJUSTING YOUR CABINETRY HARDWARE

Over time, the door hinges, soft-close pistons, drawer glides, and decorative hardware on your cabinetry may need to be tightened or adjusted. All of our hardware has been designed to be easily adjusted with a Phillips-head ("crosshead") screwdriver. Soft-close pistons are adjusted by simply turning the small dial on the backside of the piston with your finger.