

nickels cabinet care



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Congratulations on the purchase of your new cabinetry and thanks for selecting Nickels Cabinets to be part of your home! Here are a few important cabinet care instructions for you to follow in order to maintain your product for many years to come.

All cabinet materials, particularly finished wood and painted products, demand your care and attention. Caution must be taken to protect your cabinetry from extremes of temperature and exposure to moisture. Any prolonged exposure to moisture, whether liquid or steam, is likely to cause damage, so proper care is required in order to maintain the finish on your cabinetry. It is important to wipe off any excessive moisture when it occurs, particularly around the sink, stove, dishwasher, and shower areas where high humidity is typical. Such conditions can accelerate the natural expansion and contraction of the wood fibers that may cause irreparable damage and will void your warranty.

According to the Architectural Woodwork Institute, "Wood is a hygroscopic material, and under normal use conditions all wood products contain some moisture. Wood readily exchanges this molecular moisture with the water vapor in the surrounding atmosphere according to the existing relative humidity. In high humidity, wood picks up moisture and swells; in low humidity wood releases moisture and shrinks. As normal minor fluctuations in humidity occur, the resulting dimensional response in properly designed construction will be insignificant. To avoid problems, it is recommended that relative humidity be maintained within the range of 25 - 55%. Uncontrolled extremes - below 20% or above 80% relative humidity - can likely cause problems."

Nickels takes great care to maintain an environment that falls within the acceptable range for wood products and this responsibility is passed on to you once our product has reached your home. Please be sure to maintain the relative humidity levels as recommended above.

Cleaning solutions can also be a hazard. Although our finishes are resistant to normal household chemicals (as verified by our CKCA certification), excessive and prolonged exposure may cause a discolouration in the surface. Abrasives and furniture polishes should never be used, particularly those that are silicone-based and/or contain citric acid.

For regular cleaning, we recommend wiping with a clean, soft cloth slightly dampened with a solution of mild detergent and warm water, followed by another wipe with a clean, dry soft cloth. Never use a dishcloth that is not clean as it may contain contaminants that could damage the cabinetry. It is important to wipe in the direction of the grain if you have a wood product. We do advise you allow a minimum of 30 days prior to cleaning with the cleaning solution to allow the surfaces to fully harden.

With proper care you will get many years of enjoyment out of your cabinetry.

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