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The presence of furniture in the house makes your house a substantial and functional unit. The wide range and further variety of each furniture category gives meaning to your home décor and makes the spaces well equipped and stocked.

By keeping your furniture clean and tuned-up on a regular basis, you will extend the life of your investment. This upkeep will also help you recoup some costs by allowing you to sell pieces for a fair price when you no longer need them.

Cement Concrete

Depending on how deep the stain is, either apply the product pure or diluted in five parts water (it might be necessary to scrub as you apply). Wait 10 to 20 minutes. Then scrub with water and rinse until the water runs clear.

Ceramic

Although dirt cannot penetrate into the ceramic material, it is necessary to remove it from the surface in order to prevent the build-up of surface grease and contaminants. Day to day maintenance of ceramic furniture can be performed by simply wiping down using a clean, microfiber cloth and warm, diluted, neutral detergent to remove surface spillages. Spillages of wine, coffee, ketchup, oils and acidic substances such as vinegar should be wiped clean immediately.

Metal

If your furniture has stainless steel, it is usually very easy to take care of. Because it is scratch and stain resistant, you can wipe away any spills with a damp cloth or using mild soap. You don't have to worry about long term staining or rusting on stainless steel.

On metals like aluminum or chrome, you have to be careful about scratching the surfaces. Using a soft, damp cloth with mild soap can remove spills. Don’t use scouring pads or sponges as these can easily scratch the surface of chrome or aluminum and take away its luster.

Wood

To keep wood furniture in its best shape, maintain frequent dusting. Dust can cause airborne deposits that eventually build up in a filmy layer and scratch the surface of wood furniture. Leaving dust on your furniture can also trigger allergies or be harmful to those with asthma. To properly dust furniture, capture and remove dust as opposed to spreading it around the surface. To avoid scattering the dust into the air, where it’ll float until landing back on furniture surfaces, very lightly dampen a microfiber cloth before wiping down. Remove excess moisture with a dry terry towel.

Porcelain

Dust the item with a soft dusting cloth. Use adhesive remover to remove glue or tape residue from the piece. Line each bin with towels. Covering the sides and bottoms of the bins helps keep your precious antiques from getting damaged while being cleaned. Fill the plastic bins with warm water. Add a quarter-sized amount of mild dishwashing soap to one of the bins. Hand wash the pottery or porcelain in the soapy water, being careful on raised areas.

If any part of the porcelain or pottery appears damaged, do not attempt to clean it until it has been repaired by a professional. Rinse off the piece in the bin with clean water. Pat the item dry with paper towels. Let it sit on paper towels to ensure it is completely dry before putting it away.

Glass

The clean appearance of a glass furniture piece is equally sleek and elegant looking, and the transparency it provides maximizes light and openness in a space. Paper towels are nice to use for a few reasons. First, they're convenient. You can just peel off a sheet or two, use it to clean the table and discard it. If you need to go over the same spot, you can grab another sheet and do it again.

If your glass furniture is really dirty, start by lightly dust it with a clean microfiber cloth to remove any larger pieces of dust. Then spray the entire glass table or glass portion of the furniture with your cleaner. Do not use an excessive amount, as doing so may result in streaky residue left behind on the glass. You may want to clean the bottom and/or top side of the glass when it is out if its place, as it could be easier to access. Then exercise the same amount of care in putting it back on the table. Clean gloves will help minimize the chance of leaving fingerprints or residue on the glass when replacing it.

Marble

Marble surfaces should be cleaned with soft cotton cloths and clean rag mops along with neutral cleaners, mild liquid dishwashing detergent mixed with water, or stone cleaners. After

washing marble surfaces, immediately dry with a soft cloth to prevent streaks and water spots; use a buffing motion to turn up the shine.