

Cabinet Cleaning & Care

Wood Cabinet Surfaces

As with all wood products, avoid excessive moisture. PLYWELL cabinetry is designed for use inside the home or other buildings and is not intended for outdoor applications. Once your cabinets have been installed, wipe down all exteriors with a damp cloth to remove dust. Complete a small area at a time and wipe dry.

Controlling Humidity Exposure

Humidity causes problems for wood products in general, simply by infiltrating the surface and damaging the wood from within. When humidity levels change, wood expands and contracts, which can cause cabinets to bend, crack, warp, and swell. This can also damage the finish of the cabinets, and cause paint to chip and reveal joint lines.

Cleaning Agents

Use a damp cloth when cleaning normal household spills. After wiping thoroughly, dry the surface with a lint-free cotton cloth. For stubborn stains, it may be necessary to use a mild detergent with warm water. Always dry the surface immediately. Never use abrasive cleaners, scouring pads or powdered cleansers. Do not allow oven cleaner to touch any part of the cabinet.

Everyday Care

It is important to wipe up spills and water marks as they occur. Give special attention to areas around the sink and dishwasher. Avoid draping damp cloths or dish towels over cabinet doors - excessive moisture can cause permanent damage.

Scratches, Gouges, & Nicks

A Touch-Up Kit is available to hide surface damage. Contact PLYWELL Cabinetry to purchase the color-matched touch-up kit for your specific cabinets. Use the kit's touch-up pen to hide minor blemishes. Use the kits tinted putty to fill deeper scratches, gouges, or nicks. Detailed instructions are provided in each kit.

Avoid Light Damage

Exposure to direct sunlight tends to darken the color of natural wood products. Sunlight can also fade painted wood surfaces. Consider the use of draperies or blinds to protect your cabinets from direct sunlight. Please be aware that natural light and fluorescent light will fade the finish from its original color.

Avoid Heat Damage

The heat generated when using an oven's self-cleaning feature is much greater than during normal cooking. If this heat escapes from the oven, it can damage your cabinets. While this is a rare circumstance, you can minimize the risk of cabinet damage by opening cabinet door and drawers nearest the oven before using its self-cleaning feature.

Avoid Products with the Following Ingredients

- Bleach
- Mineral oil
- Citrus ingredients
- Ammonia
- Silicone
- Petroleum