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Furniture Care Guide

The importance of furniture is felt by everyone. One of the things that complete one's house is furniture. These live load elements become a necessity and rather the most crucial part of designing an interior space. The evolution of furniture from their basic utility to them being a luxury symbol and their beautiful designs are taking a leap in today's world. Furniture brings about changes in the space and its functionality. The range, variety of designs and type of furniture are making every dead and dull area a lively experience.

There are many reasons for buying furniture, but the most important reason is that it is the backdrop to our lives. Our furnishing needs change as our lives go through changes both big and small. We need furniture for more comfortable lives and use it for storage, for sitting on, and for sleeping.

Cleaning Tips

Wood

Wood furnishings and décor add a warm touch to homes and businesses. To keep the wood looking its best, it needs to be cleaned properly. Learn how to clean wood to avoid damaging décor and valuable heirloom pieces. Cleaning wood isn't hard with the proper cleaning supplies like wood-specific cleaners, detergent, wax, and even homemade solutions.



There's a reason wood furniture is a design staple with serious staying power. Not only is it a durable option, but a well-made piece of wood furniture has timeless appeal, especially if it has great bones. Of course, you'll need to learn how to clean wood furniture the right way—regardless of whether you decide to go with a light or dark finish, mid-century modern or traditional—to make your favorite pieces last.

While it might seem complicated to clean wood, a simple approach is always best. For starters, when purchasing new wood furniture, always ask the vendor for tips on how to care for the

piece. Because every finish, stain, and type of wood is different, it's hard to have a one-size-fits-all approach to cleaning wood furniture, but a good rule of thumb is to start with the mildest cleaning solutions first and work your way up from there. You'll also always want to test new cleansers or products in an inconspicuous spot before wiping down a whole table or chair. Follow the steps below to get started on cleaning your wood furniture.

Bamboo

Bamboo is an eco-friendly material that adds a trendy touch when used in furniture, but regular care is the key to keeping it looking its best. This plant is sturdy enough for many different types of furniture, and it's an excellent option if you're trying to make your home more sustainable. With the right upkeep, bamboo is durable enough to last for many years.



Bamboo furniture is generally low maintenance, but there are a few things you should do on a regular basis to keep it clean. Each week, dust it with a cloth or the brush attachment on your vacuum cleaner to keep it shiny. After dusting, wipe the furniture with a mild cleanser and a damp cloth, and then set it outside in the sun to dry. If you live in an area with low humidity, then plan to polish it monthly with linseed oil to keep it from cracking. Because bamboo gets brittle if the air is too dry, avoid placing the furniture next to a heating vent or fireplace.

It's usually not a good idea to keep bamboo furniture outside for regular use, but it's still possible to keep the pieces in good condition with more regular care. First, treat it with an outdoor sealant, and place it in an area on your patio that is shaded from the sun but isn't too damp or wet. Wet bamboo furniture is prone to mold, so regularly check the furniture for spots. If you do find moldy areas, treat the spots with lemon oil. Bring bamboo furniture indoors for the winter, or make sure pieces are fully covered by a waterproof tarp.

Iron and Metal

Metal furniture is best cleaned with a cloth or sponge using water and mild, non-detergent soap and wiped dry. Abrasive scrubbers or cleaners should not be used as they can scratch the finish, potentially exposing the metal to rust-inducing moisture. For ingrained dirt, use window cleaner or a non-abrasive multi-purpose cleaner

When cleaning keep an eye out for scratches or any signs of rust, especially at furniture joints. Apply touch-up paint to scratches to prevent rust. If rust or mold is present, sand the area lightly using fine-grit sandpaper and apply rust-proof touch-up paint (this may be available from the manufacturer). To remove oxidization from aluminum furniture, use a solution of equal parts of white vinegar and water; avoid alkaline cleaners as they cause oxidation.



Rattan

Today many people choose to furnish their homes with rattan furniture. Not only is this furniture extremely practical, but it also adds character to any room it is placed in. Rattan furniture is also commonly used as garden furniture, as its natural look blends in well with garden surroundings, whilst also adding a touch of luxury. Rattan furniture is a type of wicker furniture. It is eco-friendly and is made from woven palm plants which are both fast growing and plentiful. In the house, rattan furniture is commonly found in dining rooms and conservatories. It is also used in the garden as patio furniture.



In order to keep your rattan furniture looking as good as the day you bought it, you will need to make sure that you clean it regularly. There are a variety of different cleaning methods you can use. Some methods are more suited to natural rattan furniture, whereas others are more effective for synthetic rattan furniture.

We suggest taking your furniture outside so that you have more space to clean it and do not have to worry about any solution getting on your carpets or flooring. To start the cleaning process, mix a solution of one gallon of warm water with three tablespoons of soap in a bucket. Any mild dishwashing detergent will do.

Mix the solution together to create bubbles. If you are cleaning natural rattan furniture, it is best to try and avoid getting it too wet. Rather than dipping your soft cloth in the water, we recommend skimming some of the bubbles off the top. Next wipe the solution over your furniture, ensuring you get in between the weaves. If you are really struggling to get between the tight weaves of your rattan furniture, you could always use a toothbrush. Again, do not submerge the toothbrush in the water – just skim some of the suds off the top.

Once you have finished cleaning your furniture, rinse your cloth in clean water and ring it out. Then go back over the furniture with the clean cloth, ensuring that all suds have been removed. You can then leave your furniture out to dry in the sunshine.

Fabric

Fabric sofas look great and can be especially cozy. They can also be a major nightmare when it comes to cleaning. But spills are bound to happen from time to time and, unless you want to adorn your couch with those beautiful plastic covers, you're going to need to know how to clean a fabric sofa.

There are a few factors you need to keep in mind when determining how to clean a fabric sofa properly.



1. You need to review your manufacturer's instructions:

Always, always check the manufacturer's cleaning instructions before attempting to remove stains from your sofa or freshen up your couch. Failing to do so could void warranties or flat-out ruin your couch.

2. The tags can answer many cleaning questions:

3. If you can't find the manufacturer's instructions, don't fret. There should be a tag on your sofa cushions that clues you in on important facts, such as whether the material is water soluble. Keep in mind that one side of the tag may address the cleaning of the sofa cover, while the other will provide information for washing the cushions themselves. Make sure you're looking at the correct tag before you clean.

4. Water may seem innocuous, but if you use it to clean a couch that specifically calls for a solvent-based cleaner and nothing else, you're going to be in for an unpleasant surprise. Believe it or not, the water will actually leave a stain on your sofa. Don't risk ruining your furniture. Stick to the tags. They know what's best for your couch.