

# FURNITURE CARE INSTRUCTIONS

Follow these simple care and cleaning tips on the best ways to care for furniture pieces to maximize their life.

## GENERAL MAINTENANCE

Avoid placing furniture adjacent to external walls where it may trap moisture, or adjacent to radiators, heaters, or gas or wood fires where there is increased risk of scorching damage or discoloration to maximize furniture longevity. Place upholstered pieces where they won't be exposed to direct sunlight to minimize fading. Sharp objects such as rings, buckles, or pet claws can tear, scratch, or break upholstery fabrics. Flip, rotate, and fluff removable cushions regularly to ensure even wear and to retain the original softness. Tight, attached seat and back cushions will stretch and wrinkle with use. Restore their appearance by smoothing the surface and tucking excess upholstery into the sides or back.

## UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE

To prevent overall soiling, frequent vacuuming or light brushing is recommended. Cushions and pillows should be turned on a weekly basis. Spot clean using a mild water-free solvent or dry cleaning product. Only a professional cleaner should undertake a complete overall cleaning. The use of steam or water-based cleaners may cause excessive shrinking or staining. Avoid using strong chemicals to clean upholstered furniture.

## WOOD FURNITURE

Dust the surface of wood furniture frequently with a clean, lint-free cloth or feather duster. This will guard against layers of dust accumulating and scratching the furniture. Avoid using water to clean wood furniture. When necessary, clean spots with a clean rag dipped into a solution of mild soap and clean water, wipe with clean damp rag to remove residual soap and then dry with a soft cloth. Use felt cloth or a soft runner under heavier accent pieces to avoid spots and depressions in the wood. When writing on any wood surface use a protective pad or desk blotter.

## METAL/ALUMINUM FURNITURE

Wipe spills immediately. Maintain with regular dusting and clean with mild soap and water; dry thoroughly and do not use a brass cleaner.

## MIRROR/GLASS SURFACES

Dust with a soft, dry cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaner. Spray a small amount of glass cleaner onto a lint-free cloth and wipe mirror/glass clean.

## MARBLE SURFACES

Blot up spills immediately and use coasters on table tops under beverages. Use trivets or mats under hot dishes or cookware. Clean with warm water and dry surface immediately after cleaning. Do not use cleaners that contain acid such as bathroom, grout, or tile cleaners. Do not use abrasive cleaners in either dry or liquid forms. Only use a cleaner and polish formulated for marble surfaces.