

Care Instructions for Interior Lighting, Bath Accessories, Mirrors and Cabinets, Furnishings, Hardware, Retail Concepts, Plumbing, and Washstands

Urban Archaeology finishes are living finishes and will age and patina over time. To care for our living finishes, follow these steps. These steps do not apply to custom finishes that have been lacquered.

Before you dive into cleaning, start by spot-testing all cleaning agents on an inconspicuous area.

To assist in the cleaning, we suggest using a soft damp cloth. Never use an abrasive product, brush, or scouring pad to clean surfaces.

Then rinse thoroughly with water, and dry any overspray.

We recommend using a pH neutral dishwashing detergent in a ratio of 1 teaspoon to detergent per gallon of warm water for the best ratio of soap to water.

Avoid using disinfectants (like Windex, ammonia, and bleach). They will alter and damage the surface finish. Also, avoid prolonged contact with certain items such as vinegar and certain soaps; they will also alter surface finishes. Read the ingredients of soap before use.

Care Instructions for Exterior Lighting

Urban Archaeology finishes are living finishes and will age and patina over time. To care for our living finishes, follow these steps. These steps apply to all finishes except Polished Brass, Polished Nickel, Satin Nickel, and Chrome.

For Exterior Lighting, use a wet soft cloth and hose off the lights.

To keep the consistent patina, wash the lights down every couple of months.

Care Instructions for Exterior Lacquered and Patina Finishes

Never use Windex, ammonia, bleach, products containing these items or ones with unknown ingredients. It will ruin the lacquered and patina finishes.

The following finishes include Green Patina, Brown Patina, Antique Brass, Light Pewter, Statuary Brown, Statuary Black, Black Nickel, and Antique Nickel.

With a damp cloth every 3 to 6 months. If installed near salt air, they should be hosed off every 3 to 6 months as well.

Note upon installation, please be careful not to scratch the lacquer as that will cause the patina under the lacquer to change.

Care Instructions for Custom Lacquered and Patina Finishes

Never use Windex, ammonia, bleach, products containing these items or ones with unknown ingredients. It will ruin the lacquered and patina finishes.

The following finishes include Green Patina, Brown Patina, Antique Brass, Light Pewter, Statuary Brown, Statuary Black, Black Nickel, and Antique Nickel.

Urban Archaeology custom lacquered finishes. To care for our custom lacquered finishes, follow these steps. These steps do not apply to finishes that have not been lacquered.

For lacquered finishes, wipe clean using a soft, damp cloth.

Care Instructions for Glass

We recommend using a wet soft cloth and a pH neutral dishwashing detergent in the ratio of 1 teaspoon to detergent per gallon of warm water for the best ratio of soap to water.

Avoid using Windex, as it will affect the metal finish. For a stubborn stain where Windex is a must. Do not spray it directly onto the glass. Instead, spray the Windex onto a cloth, wipe the glass, and avoid getting close to the metal finish, so the Windex doesn't touch the metal finish.

Care Instructions for Unsealed Marble Washstand Tops and Unsealed Marble Bathtubs

Urban Archaeology Marble Washstand Tops and Marble Bathtubs are natural stones that come unsealed. To care for our unsealed natural stones, follow these steps.

Avoid contact with alcohol, perfume, nail polish remover, nasal spray, lemon juice, lime juice, vinegar, and other chemicals at large. They will alter the marble surface.

We recommend staying away from perfume oils or bath oils. They will alter the marble surface. If you wish to use these, we recommend starting by spot-testing on an inconspicuous area. Let it sit for 24 hours before reviewing the spot test and deciding to use these items.

For cleaning, only use products that are stated for use on natural stone.

Before cleaning the entire item, we recommend starting by spot-testing on an inconspicuous area. Let it sit for 24 hours before reviewing the spot test and making your decision to use the cleaner on the entire surface.

Sealing Marble Washstand Tops and Marble Bathtubs

Urban Archaeology Marble Washstand Tops and Marble Bathtubs are natural stones that come unsealed. Have your contractor recommend a sealer. Before you dive into sealing, start by spot-testing on an inconspicuous area. Let it sit for 24 hours before reviewing the spot test and making your decision to use the sealer on the entire surface. Once you have decided you have found the right sealer for your Marble Washstand Top or Marble Bathtub, continue to seal the entire item. For best care, repeat the sealing process every six months to a year.

Care Instructions for Sealed Marble Washstand Tops and Sealed Marble Bathtubs

Avoid contact with alcohol, perfume, nail polish remover, nasal spray, lemon juice, lime juice, vinegar, and other chemicals at large. They will alter the marble surface.

We recommend staying away from perfume oils or bath oils. They will alter the marble surface. If you wish to use these, we recommend starting by spot-testing on an inconspicuous area. Let it sit for 24 hours before reviewing the spot test and deciding to use these items.

For cleaning, only use products that are stated for use on natural stone. Before cleaning the entire item, we recommend starting by spot-testing on an inconspicuous area. Let it sit for 24 hours before reviewing the spot test and making your decision to use the cleaner on the entire surface.