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## Cabinet Care & Maintenance Guide

At Beyond the Box, we take great pride in designing and delivering cabinetry that is built to last. Like any fine product, cabinetry is influenced by its environment and how it is cared for over time. This guide outlines best practices to help protect the appearance, functionality, and longevity of your cabinets.

### AREAS THAT REQUIRE SPECIAL ATTENTION

Certain areas in your kitchen and bath experience higher exposure to moisture, heat, and daily use. Paying extra attention to these zones will help prevent premature wear or damage.



#### SINKS

Cabinets around sinks are exposed to water regularly. Farm and apron-front sinks are especially prone to moisture exposure. Promptly wipe up water and dry surrounding cabinet surfaces to avoid swelling or finish damage.



#### SELF-CLEANING OVENS

The extreme heat generated during self-cleaning cycles can damage adjacent cabinetry. Before running a self-cleaning cycle, remove nearby cabinet doors and drawers and keep them open to minimize heat buildup.



#### COUNTERTOP APPLIANCES

Avoid placing appliances that emit heat or steam—such as coffee makers, air fryers, and instant pots—directly beneath upper cabinets. Prolonged exposure to heat and moisture can cause permanent finish damage.



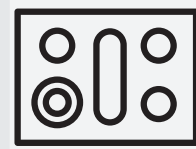
#### TRASH PULL-OUTS

Trash pull-outs are among the most frequently used cabinets in a kitchen. Periodically wipe down the interior and exterior and inspect for chips or scratches that may need attention.



#### DISHWASHERS

Dishwashers release heat and steam during operation. Once a cycle is complete, allow steam to dissipate and promptly wipe surrounding cabinetry dry.



#### COOKTOPS

Cooking splatter, heat, and humidity can affect cabinetry near cooktops. Clean and dry adjacent surfaces regularly to avoid staining or heat-related damage.

**IMPORTANT: These areas require consistent care to remain clean and dry. Neglect may result in permanent damage.**



# Ongoing Cabinet Care



## FREQUENT CARE

- Wipe spills and splatters immediately and dry thoroughly.
- Avoid placing damp cloths or towels on cabinet surfaces.
- Keep cabinet exteriors dry in areas with higher humidity.
- Use caution to prevent impacts that may cause chips or scratches.
- Regularly monitor the high-attention areas listed above.



## LONG-TERM CARE

- Maintain a consistent indoor environment by regulating temperature and humidity.
- Perform a thorough exterior cabinet cleaning several times per year.
- Clean smaller areas regularly to prevent buildup of oils and contaminants, especially around knobs and pulls.



## MAINTENANCE OVER TIME

- Minor touch-ups may be required over the life of your cabinetry due to normal use or installation adjustments.
- Hinges and drawer glides may occasionally need tightening or alignment.
- Please contact Beyond the Box for recommended touch-up solutions or service options.

**IMPORTANT: Improper cleaning or lack of maintenance may result in permanent damage.**

# Maintaining A Healthy Home Environment



## HUMIDITY & MOISTURE

- Excess humidity and moisture can cause cabinetry to swell, warp, or crack.
- Kitchens and bathrooms should be properly ventilated.
- Indoor relative humidity should remain between **35%–50%**.



## SUNLIGHT EXPOSURE

- Direct sunlight and UV exposure can affect cabinet color over time.
- Wood and painted finishes may naturally mellow, fade, or darken with prolonged exposure.
- Window coverings or UV-protective films can help minimize color changes.



## TEMPERATURE

- Maintain indoor temperatures between **60°–80°F**.
- Rapid or extreme temperature changes may cause materials to expand or contract.
- Be mindful of heat generated by self-cleaning ovens and adjacent appliances.

**IMPORTANT: Exposure to extreme moisture, humidity, or temperature can cause irreversible damage.**



# Cabinet Cleaning Guidelines

Kitchen cabinetry requires more specialized care than furniture used in other areas of the home. Proper cleaning protects finishes and preserves your investment.



## PAINTED CABINETS

- 1 Wipe spills immediately using a clean, soft cloth dampened with warm water.
- 2 Dry promptly with a second clean, soft cloth.
- 3 For tougher residue, use a mild dish soap solution (a few drops per gallon of warm water). Dry immediately.

## STAINED CABINETS

- 1 Clean spills promptly with a soft cloth and warm water.
- 2 Dry thoroughly after cleaning.
- 3 For grease or food residue, use a mild dish soap solution and wipe with the grain.

## LAMINATE, MELAMINE & ACRYLIC CABINETS

- 1 Wipe with a soft cloth dampened with warm water.
- 2 Dry immediately to prevent moisture intrusion.
- 3 For stubborn spots, use a mild dish soap solution and dry thoroughly.

**IMPORTANT: Prolonged exposure to spills, food, or liquids may discolor or damage cabinet finishes.**



# Products to Avoid

TO PROTECT YOUR CABINETRY, AVOID USING THE FOLLOWING:

## HARSH CLEANERS

- Products containing bleach, ammonia, citrus, mineral oil, or harsh detergents
- Abrasive or strong chemical cleaners

## WAXES & POLISHES

- Wax-based or silicone-containing products
- Self-polishing cleaners that can create buildup or yellowing

## ABRASIVES

- Scouring pads, steel wool, powdered cleaners, baking soda, or melamine sponges

## SPONGES & DISHCLOTHS

- Everyday kitchen sponges and cloths may trap debris that can scratch finishes



## Specialty Cleaning Areas

### GLASS DOORS

- Spray ammonia-free glass cleaner onto a lint-free cloth. Avoid spraying directly onto cabinet surfaces.

### METAL DOORS OR INSERTS

- Clean with a soft cloth using mild dish soap and warm water. Avoid abrasive or acidic cleaners.

### BREADBOARDS

- Clean after each use with mild dish soap and warm water. Do not soak or place in the dishwasher.

### WOOD CHOPPING BLOCKS

- Occasionally reseal with food-grade mineral or vegetable oil. Over time, refinishing may be necessary.
- Always follow safe food-handling practices.

## We're Here to Help

If you have questions about cabinet care, maintenance, or service options, the Beyond the Box team is always here to help. Proper care ensures your cabinetry continues to perform beautifully for years to come.

CREATE AMAZING SPACES. BUILD RELATIONSHIPS. HAVE FUN.

