

Wood Care & Cleaning

Wood furniture represents a significant investment in many homes. To maintain its beauty and help it last, wood furniture needs regular and proper care. Most wood furniture is finished with a fine lacquer or varnish. It has a sheen – or gloss – ranging from high to low, depending on the finishing materials the manufacturer has selected. The finish adds to the beauty of the wood and protects it. No finish is totally indestructible, but with regular care and Guardsman products it will last much longer. Providing years of satisfaction and enjoyment.

General Wood Care Tips

- Dust frequently. The Guardsman Fine Furniture Dust Cloth is treated to attract and hold dust and leave furniture spotless.
- Use a quality furniture polish, such as Guardsman's Furniture Polish. It will lessen your chance of expensive refinishing jobs. Polish approximately once a month.
- Clean up spills immediately. Use a blotting action rather than a wiping action.

- Use a soft, lint-free absorbent cloth for cleaning and polishing. The Guardsman Polishing Cloth is ideal for this purpose.
- Avoid placing furniture in direct sunlight, as sunlight causes fading.
- Avoid extremes in room humidity. Too high or too low humidity can cause wood to warp or the glue lines to fail.
- Avoid extreme changes in temperature. Arrange furniture away from radiators, registers, and air-conditioning units.
- Rotate accessories on furniture so they do not sit in the same spot all of the time.
- Avoid placing plastic or rubber objects on a wood finish, as their ingredients react with those of the finish.
- Use pads, cloth or felt to protect the furniture surface from plastic, rubber, hot dishes, beverages, bookends, flower pots, and vases.
- Use a protective pad when writing with a ballpoint pen.
- Lift and place objects, do not drag them across the furniture surface.
- Make minor repairs while they are still small.
- Use the proper materials or professional help to repair badly damaged surfaces.
- Avoid wax polishes. Regular use of wax polishes may result in the build-up of wax film on the surface of the furniture. This build-up may then pick up dirt, smoke and other pollutants in the air, which may result in smudges and streaks. Used long enough, this may cause the finish to soften, requiring expensive refinishing work. Wax build-up over time hardens, making it difficult to remove from the furniture's finish.
- Avoid silicone polishes. Silicone oil is an ingredient used by many furniture polish makers to create a high degree of shine. Silicone seeps into even the most lacquered finishes, making it difficult to remove. Should it become necessary to refinish a piece of furniture, silicone makes it a very difficult process, even for a professional refinisher. Most furniture manufacturers recommend using polishes that do not contain silicone.

Wood Care Products

Guardsman Furniture Polish is recommended by leading furniture manufacturers. It is a special blend of natural and organic oils with cleaning emulsifiers. It does not contain wax, silicone or petroleum-distillate solvents. Guardsman Furniture Polish is safe, non-toxic, and non-flammable.

Guardsman Wood Cleaner will safely remove old wax, built-up polish and many types of stains and discolorations.

Guardsman Dusting Cloth is specially treated to attract and lock dust into the cloth fibers.

Wood Cleaning Instructions

1. Wood furniture should be dusted as often as needed using the Guardsman Fine Furniture Dusting Cloth. Dust cloths can be reused by hand washing up to five times. It is also more efficient and convenient than spray products. Feather dusters scatter the dust particles into the air, which then resettle back on your furniture.
2. Polishing is recommended about once a month. If your furniture is used often, you may want to increase the frequency. However, be aware that over-polishing is the main cause of damaged finishes. Use a soft, lint free, absorbent cloth such as the Guardsman Fine Furniture Polishing Cloth and work with the grain of the wood. Always follow provided directions.
3. When using Guardsman Furniture Polish for the first time on previously polished furniture, it is necessary to remove old wax and polish. This can be accomplished safely and easily using Guardsman Wood Cleaner. Not taking this step could lead to disappointing results because the natural and organic oils in Guardsman Furniture Polish could soften and loosen the layers of wax built up over the years, leaving a cloudy surface.
4. If your wood furniture becomes damaged, and if the stain or damage is covered by one of our Furniture Protection Plans, please contact a Guardsman customer service representative at 1-800-253-3957. You must report your claim within five (5) days of the date the stain or damage occurred.