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### **Cabinet Cleaning and Care:**

With just a little extra effort on your part, your wood cabinetry can last for many years. The everyday wear and tear on your cabinets don't have to reduce their beauty. You can get the most from your cabinets by following this list of simple care suggestions.

It is important to wipe up spills and water marks as they occur. Be sure to pay special attention to areas around the sink and dishwasher. Avoid draping damp or wet dish towels over the door of the sink base cabinet. Over time, this moisture can cause permanent water damage to the door.

After your cabinets have been installed, wipe down all exteriors with a damp cloth to remove dust. Wood cabinetry finishes may be cleaned and protected by using any commercially available cleaning polish. A cabinet cleaner, as they are formulated without wax, petroleum solvents, or silicones. The extended use of wax polishes can result in a wax film buildup, while the use of silicone polishes can harm the cabinet's finish.

As with any wood product, avoid exposing your cabinetry to excessive moisture. Wood cabinetry is designed for use inside the home or other buildings, not for outdoor applications.

Over time, UV light rays in natural sunlight may affect the appearance of your cabinets. The finish on your cabinetry will not change, but depending on its natural characteristics, and the amount and direction of light exposure, the wood may.

Avoid exposing your cabinets to excessive heat. Cabinets installed near a self-cleaning oven can suffer finish or surface damage, as such appliances generate intense heat during a cleaning cycle. Since the integrity of the appliance seal or gasket may be compromised during installation or with age, the removal of doors or drawers from cabinets adjacent to or directly above an appliance during a cleaning cycle. This will help prevent possible damage to the finish or surface of these cabinets.

Use a damp cloth when cleaning normal household spills, and after wiping thoroughly, dry the surface with a lint-free cotton cloth. For stubborn stains, it may be necessary to use a mild detergent with warm water. Be sure to always dry the surfaces that were wiped down immediately.

Never use abrasive cleaners, scouring pads or powdered cleansers. Do not allow oven cleaner to come into contact with any part of your cabinets. Do not use a dish cloth to wipe your cabinet exterior, since it may contain remnants of grease or detergents.

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Doors may warp a small amount soon after installation because cabinets are taken from a controlled factory environment and placed in a different environment. Warped doors will generally straighten out after a new home goes through a complete heating and cooling season. NOTE: A hinge adjustment will improve the fit of the door as the cabinet progresses through a heating and cooling season.

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