

Island Care & Cleaning Information

Island Base Care

Before using a cleaner, read the directions on the cleaner bottle to find out whether the cleaner is safe for wood, as well as if you should put the cleaner straight on the item or if it needs to be diluted with water. Use a clean, dry cloth to wipe off the surface of your bathroom vanity or mirror frame before applying a cleaner; this will get rid of hair, dust and other loose powders before you apply the cleaner. Use a cloth or soft sponge while cleaning the vanity or mirror frame to not scratch the finish. After you have applied the cleaner, be sure you rinse off your vanity or mirror frame and dry the surface with a dry towel.

Butcher Block Top Care

Simple care and maintenance will keep your butcher block top looking beautiful for generations to come. All Butcher Block products must be oiled on all surfaces with a natural mineral oil at least once a month to protect the wood. With a minimum amount of care and maintenance on your Hard Maple Butcher Block, you can lengthen the life of the top from 5 to 10 years.

Do:

Periodically (once every several weeks), depending upon use and household conditions, apply a heavy coat of mineral oil to the work surface of your top.

Don't:

1. Wash knives and forks or other utensils on the work surface of your top.
2. Wash your top with harsh detergents of any type.
3. Place counter tops near excessive heat (such as stove) without proper insulation between heat source and the edge of the counter top.
4. Cut off ends, drill holes, make cutouts or otherwise deface tops...without refinishing exposed unfinished wood. Guarantee is void if tops are modified.

Cleaning your Butcher Block top:

1. Brush or scrape all loose particles from the surfaces.
2. Take a dishcloth and dip in warm mild soapy water and wash top the same as any other wood surface.
3. Wash out dishcloth in clear warm water, wring out, and go over surface again.
4. Dry all surfaces thoroughly.
5. An occasional application of mineral oil is recommended.

If any method, other than the one outlined above, is used in cleaning this top, very serious damage may result.

Other considerations:

Extremes of humidity and dryness can swell and shrink hard maple enough to cause small seasonal checks to appear, usually at the ends of tops or at the end of a lamination. This possibility, though remote, is an unavoidable condition of enjoying the character and beauty of Hard Maple Butcher Block. Cracks filled with tinted cellulose filler become practically invisible. You can help preserve your table by keeping your home humidified in the winter and by refreshing your table often with oil.