



SANTA FE COPPER SINKS CARE & MAINTENANCE TIPS

Cleaning Guide

To protect the beauty and finish of Santa Fe Copper sinks, avoid using abrasives and soft scrub. The most amazing results can be obtained by simply using a mild soap and water to clean your sinks.

The following types of cleaners should never be used:

- Coarse cleaners with grit (Ajax)
- Acidic chemicals or pastes
- Alcohol based cleaners

Keep abrasive cleaning pads away from your Santa Fe Copper sink, including:

- Steel Wool
- Brillo Pads
- Pumice Products
- Wire Brushes

Clean your Santa Fe Copper sinks with hot soapy water and scrub the surface with a soft nylon brush. For tough stains that may persist, try using a "poultice" which is generally a paste composed of baking soda and water applied with a sponge. After applying the poultice, rinse thoroughly and dry with a soft cloth.

Santa Fe Copper sinks can be used for all household tasks, but you must avoid prolonged exposure or acidic foods and harsh chemicals to the copper surface. Some examples of acidic foods to avoid include fruits, citrus products, tomato sauce, and onions.

In the event acidic foods sit on the copper surface for a prolonged period of time, the surface may show discoloration. If this happens, keep in mind that copper sinks naturally weather a beautiful "patina" look which age. The spot in question will start to darken back up with more use of your sink. This darkening process will depend on how often the sink is used, but keep in mind that the more it is used the faster the process will occur. This natural patina process may also be affected by mineral content in your water supply. Removing any standing water with a soft cloth is recommended to prevent calcium staining and mineral buildup.

Reducing The Patina Process

The Patinas are created by a firing process and will change over time, developing more depth and variations. A copper finish is a living finish and never really stops changing in color. You can

greatly reduce this change by applying a thin coat of clear wax, such as Johnson paste wax on the sink three or four times per year will help protect it against water and will further protect your sink with time. Apply the wax and leave on several minutes then buff to a clear shine. This could be done as frequently as weekly depending on the usage of your Santa Fe Bronze sink.

Speeding up the Patina Process

To further age and patina your Santa Fe Copper sink, dissolve a teaspoon of salt with 1/4 cup ammonia and apply to sink. Let dry for half an hour, then wash with cold water and dry with a clean, soft cloth. Repeat process to further patina. This process also works in areas that may have been brightened or lightened.

Santa Fe Copper Antimicrobial Aspects

Copper is more sanitary than any other sink material, it's antibacterial. Science shows us bacteria can live for days on a stainless steel surface, but for only a matter of hours on copper.

Please Note: If you want to keep your copper sink in pristine condition, dry it immediately after use and apply wax once every 15-20 days. Also be aware that all Santa Fe Copper sinks have a finish that is by nature uneven and variable in color and pattern. In addition, the dimensions and consistency of shape can vary considerably. These variations are part of the rustic character and charm of copper sinks and do not constitute a defect.

The manufacturer and distributor will not be responsible or liable for any errors when using the following care and maintenance guide. Please consult a professional sink installer or fabricator for more details on proper care and maintenance of Santa Fe Copper sinks.

SUPPORTING PRODUCTS



Mild dish soap or detergent to remove everyday dirt and stains.



Johnson's Paste Wax