

How to Care For and Clean Leather

Leather furniture offers a timeless elegance to any room they are placed in. They also have the added bonus of being extremely durable. However, leather isn't accident or damage proof. Follow these instructions to keep your leather pieces looking pristine and sophisticated.

General Cleaning & Care:

Do...

- Dust regularly and use a vacuum cleaner crevice tool to clean seams.
- Clean weekly using a damp sponge (protected leather) or soft, lint-free cloth (natural unprotected leather). Do not rub; instead, wipe gently.
- Keep leather furniture out of direct sunlight and at least two feet from heat sources to avoid fading and cracking
- Pre-test all of the care products on a hidden area of leather furniture to make sure that they are compatible with the leather
- Improper cleaning may void your leather furniture warranty.

Don't...

- Use or place sharp objects on leather goods.
- Place newspapers or magazines on leather furniture. The ink from these items may be transferred onto the leather.
- Use abrasive, harsh chemicals, or saddle soap on leather furniture. Only use recommended cleaners.
- Use common household cleaners on leather furniture. These cleaners can cause severe damage and costly repairs.

Spot Cleaning Leather:

- **Blot any spills immediately; do not rub.** Blot away excess liquid with a clean, dry, white cloth; turning the cloth frequently. Spray the area with a marble cleaner or warm water and wipe.
- **To remove a spot, follow these steps:** Use a solution of ½ mild soap (Neutrogena or similar brand) and ½ distilled water on a slightly dampened cloth or sponge. Rinse by blotting with distilled water. Blot to remove excess water.
- **For difficult stains:** Contact professional cleaning service.

Universal Cleaning Code

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Dry Clean Only.

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Use a leather care kit (this includes a sponge, a cloth, leather cleaner, and leather protector cream).

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Natural Fiber Rugs - Immediately blot spills to remove excess liquid with a clean white cloth or plain paper towel. Blot again with a solution of one teaspoon mild detergent with one teaspoon of white vinegar in a quart of warm water. Do not saturate.

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Clean only with a dry cleaning solvent. Do not saturate. Do not use water. Pile fabrics may require brushing to restore appearance. Cushion covers should not be removed and dry-cleaned.

S/W

Spot clean with upholstery shampoo, foam from a mild detergent, or a mild dry cleaning solvent. Do not saturate with liquid. Pile fabrics may require brushing to restore appearance. Cushion covers should not be removed and dry-cleaned.

W

Clean only with water-based shampoo or foam upholstery cleaner. Do not over wet. Do not use solvents to spot clean. Pile fabrics may require brushing to restore appearance. Cushion covers should not be removed and dry-cleaned.

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Do not clean with either water or solvent-based cleaner. Use vacuuming or light brushing only.

Wool

Tufted Wool Rugs - Blot spills up immediately with a clean white cloth or plain paper towel.