



Cabinetry is the main element for most kitchens and bathrooms. Both of these rooms are typically high traffic areas so between spills, oils from hands, grease, dust and general grime, regardless of how careful homeowners are, periodically, everyone's cabinets need to be cleaned. Regular cleaning and care is the best way to keep cabinetry looking its finest and wiping up spills, splatters and water spots as they occur is important.

All of Conestoga Wood's painted and stained products are coated in a highly durable conversion varnish. These coatings require approximately 30 days after the finish is applied to fully cure, which is when the coating achieves its full performance properties. It is recommended to use a clean, soft, non-abrasive cloth such as a chamois or microfiber cloth when cleaning. Always lightly dampen the cloth before wiping down the cabinetry as a dry cloth may trap grit or small particles that can lightly scratch the finish surface. It is also recommended to wipe in the direction of the wood grain when dusting or cleaning as wiping across the grain will make any small scratches more visible.

If a cleaning agent is needed a mild, non-abrasive detergent can be added to the water. Never use cleaning products with bleach, ammonia or other harsh abrasive chemicals on cabinetry as these may dull, discolor or damage the finish. It is also very important not to oversaturate the cabinetry surfaces. If liquid runs down the cabinet door and works its way into the framing where the wood can rapidly expand causing disastrous results to the joints and finish. Dry all wet surfaces immediately with a soft cloth and never leave wet cloths hanging on cabinetry surfaces. Waxes and polishes are not recommended and should actually be avoided. Their continued use may cause a film to build up on the surface of the cabinet which will attract dust, dirt and other air borne pollutants. This may also make the coating appear blotchy and affect the original sheen of the finish.