

Basic Furniture Maintenance

DO : Dust as needed with a soft cotton cloth or paper towel following the direction of the grain of the wood. Feather dusters are also a great option.

Clean up any stubborn food or dirt with a soft cotton cloth or paper towel lightly dampened with soapy water.

Dry any liquids promptly (even after the above procedure) to avoid moisture damage.

Use table pads, trivets, placemats, and coasters to reduce chances of heat and moisture damage.

DON'T : Use furniture sprays, creams, oils, or other products that claim to preserve or restore your furniture. Many can cause more problems than they claim to solve.

Spill alcohol, which can affect varnishes and will dissolve shellac. Nail polish remover will also eat through a finish.

Use adhesives that you shouldn't if you try a DIY repair. Certain glues are reversible if you ultimately call on our assistance. Others require much more labor (and will triple your bill!) to undo. We're happy to advise you!

Use a nail or screw to secure a loose joint. This never holds up long term and makes a proper repair more difficult to achieve.