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## **COPPER**

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# THE GENERAL CARE AND CLEANING OF ANY COPPER SINK

Copper sinks are available as undermounts or topmounts, apron styles, and vessels. For general maintenance, all copper sinks can be regularly cleaned with a mild detergent, warm water, and a soft cloth. Wipe and dry any sink after each use to protect against hard water stains, which may become difficult to eliminate. For a thorough cleaning after extended use, or to remove stubborn stains, follow the instructions on the reverse side.





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#### **CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **POLISHING AND WAXING**

To help protect your copper sink from hard water mineral damage, a wax such as Renaissance Wax® can be applied periodically. This will help maintain the luster of your sink. However, the use of wax will temporarily impede the development of the natural patina. We do not recommend polishing a copper sink with an abrasive substance or material, as vigorous scrubbing can strip off the natural patina.

#### **ACIDIC SUBSTANCES**

DO NOT leave acidic foods (lemons, vinegar, tomatoes etc.), nor hygiene products (toothpaste, shave cream, lotions etc.) in contact with the sink. These substances could cause shiny spots or discoloration in the sink. To avoid this reaction, run water in the sink while working with acid-based foods or bath products and clean immediately afterward. If prolonged contact occurs, clean the area with soap and water. Over time, the patina will recover and the spot will blend in with the rest of the surface of the sink.

#### **SANITIZATION**

The best way to clean a copper sink is with a solution of mild soap and water. With a soft sponge, scrub the entire sink using a circular motion. Rinse and dry thoroughly with a clean, soft cloth to prevent water from standing on the surface. We recommend Green Works® dish soap.

#### **WATER SPOTS**

If you have hard water, the bowl of the sink should be wiped down with a soft cloth after each use. Additionally, a heavy solution of water softener and hot water can be applied with a cloth and then dried to reduce spotting.

#### **PATINA**

The appearance of copper changes over time as it reacts with the environment. While a new copper sink will add beauty and style to any decor, the natural oxidization process, or patina, requires some maintenance.