

HOW TO CLEAN LEATHER FURNITURE



Leather furniture is comfortable, beautiful, elegant—and requires special care and attention. No need to worry, though—cleaning and maintaining leather upholstery is simpler than it seems. This article will help you learn how to maintain your leather furniture through regular cleaning; and how to respond to accidents in order to prevent long-term damage.

Maintenance

Keeping your leather furniture looking its best will require a bit of regular care. This small investment of time will allow your furniture to look and feel great year after year.

- *Once per week*, wipe furniture with a dry cotton cloth to prevent build-up of dust, oil, dirt, and pet hair. Avoid cleaning products such as detergents, solvents, all-purpose cleaning sprays, ammonia, bleach, and furniture polish as they can damage leather.
- *Once per week*, Clean crevices with the hose of your vacuum cleaner, being sure to use the brush attachment in order to prevent scratching.
- *Once per month, (or as needed)*, buff your furniture with a microfiber cloth in order to smooth out small scratches.
- *Once or twice per year*, apply a leather conditioner to your furniture in order to prevent cracking and drying. You can find this product in furniture stores everywhere.
- *Once per year*, hire a professional cleaning service to deep-clean your furniture.

Accidents

Spills, stains, and other accidents should be attended to as quickly as possible in order to prevent long-term damage. The following method is generally safe and effective for cleaning leather furniture; though your manufacturer may offer specific cleaning instructions in your owner's manual.

- Mix a few drops of liquid soap with distilled water
- Test this substance on an inconspicuous area
- Clean the affected area using a cotton cloth and a gentle circular motion
- Using a separate rag and clean water, wipe away the soapy residue
- Dry thoroughly with a third rag