

KOHLER®

Care and Cleaning Guide



THE BOLD LOOK
OF **KOHLER®**

We believe in creating kitchen and bath products that endure – from timeless designs to reliable performance. Because we use materials of exceptional quality, the right care and cleaning will keep your KOHLER® products looking and functioning like new for years to come.

To help ensure that you remain as happy with your KOHLER purchase as the day it was installed, please follow the care and cleaning instructions and tips specific to your product. If you have additional questions, please contact customer service at **800.4.KOHLER**.

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Getting Started

For the best results when caring for your KOHLER® products, follow the instructions carefully and use only the cleaning products suggested. The use of other cleaning products may damage or discolor your product and potentially affect the functionality.

Always test the cleaning solution on an inconspicuous area before applying to the entire surface.

Wipe surfaces clean and rinse completely with water immediately after applying cleaner. Rinse and dry any overspray that lands on nearby surfaces.

Do not allow cleaner to soak.

Use a soft, dampened sponge or cloth. Never use an abrasive material such as a brush or scouring pad to clean surfaces.

Success with cleaners and procedures is dependent upon such factors as the hardness and temperature of the water, using exact measurements of ingredients, changes in cleaning formulas and the condition of the product being cleaned. Since there are variations within these factors, Kohler cannot guarantee the effectiveness of the formulas.

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KOHLER Stainless Steel Cleaner
K-1056368

KOHLER Cast Iron Cleaner
K-1012525



Kitchen Faucets and Accessories

Chrome and Vibrant® PVD Finishes

Products to consider

- Clorox® Disinfecting Bathroom Cleaner
- Comet® Bathroom Cleaner
- Fantastik® Antibacterial Heavy Duty Cleaner
- Green Works® All-Purpose Cleaner
- Green Works Glass Cleaner
- Windex® Original Glass Cleaner
- Soft cloth
- Sponge

What do I do?

- Rinse thoroughly and use a soft cloth to wipe the product dry after each use.
- Use a damp sponge and approved cleaning product to clean surface.
- Buff dry with a clean, soft cloth.

What else should I know?

- Blotting your faucet dry with a soft cloth after each use reduces water deposits.
- Never use cleaners containing ammonia, bleach or acid.

Oil-Rubbed Bronze Finishes

Products to consider

- Windex Original Glass Cleaner

What do I do?

- Spray product with Windex Original Glass Cleaner.
- Wipe dry with a soft cloth.

What else should I know?

- Blotting your faucet dry with a soft cloth after each use reduces water deposits.
- Never use cleaners containing ammonia, bleach or acid.



Kitchen Sinks

KOHLER® Enameled Cast Iron Kitchen Sinks

Products to consider

- KOHLER Cast Iron Cleaner
- Fantastik® Antibacterial Heavy Duty Cleaner
- Formula 409® Antibacterial All-Purpose Cleaner
- Green Works® All-Purpose Cleaner
- Soft Scrub® Gel with Bleach
- Soft cloth

For rust removal:

- Bon Ami® (liquid or powder)
- Super Iron Out® Rust Stain Remover

What do I do?

Rinse thoroughly and use a soft cloth to wipe the product dry after each use.
Use abrasive cleaners sparingly if needed for rare stubborn stains.

What else should I know?

Do not use steel wool, wire brushes or abrasive sponge pads.

Do not leave staining materials such as dirty dishes, coffee grounds and tea bags in contact with the enameled surface for extended periods of time.

Bottom bowl racks, rinse baskets and other kitchen sink accessories help protect the sink's base from scratches.

Vitreous China and Fireclay Kitchen Sinks

Products to consider

- Fantastik Antibacterial Heavy Duty Cleaner
- Formula 409 Antibacterial All-Purpose Cleaner
- Green Works All-Purpose Cleaner
- Soft Scrub Gel with Bleach
- Soft Scrub Lemon with Cleanser
- Soft cloth

For rust removal:

- Bar Keepers Friend® Cleanser
- Super Iron Out Rust Stain Remover

What do I do?

Rinse thoroughly and use a soft cloth to wipe the product dry after each use.
Use a soft abrasive cleaner when necessary.

What else should I know?

Using strong abrasive cleaners will scratch and dull the surface of KOHLER vitreous china products.

Stainless Steel Kitchen Sinks

Products to consider

- KOHLER® Stainless Steel Cleaner
- Fantastik® Antibacterial Heavy Duty Cleaner
- Formula 409® Antibacterial All-Purpose Cleaner
- Windex® Original Glass Cleaner
- Nonabrasive cloth or sponge

What do I do?

Clean stainless steel sinks at least once a week.

Apply stainless steel cleaner/polish with a nonabrasive cloth or sponge.

Be sure to rub cleaner with the grain.

Rinse cleaner off and buff sink dry.

What else should I know?

Blotting your sink dry with a soft cloth after each use reduces water deposits.

Do not use steel wool, wire brushes or abrasive sponge pads.

Cleaners containing chloride are not recommended. If used, rinse the surface immediately to prevent corrosion.

Most stainless steel products will scratch from everyday use. However, these scratches will blend over time to create a unique finish.

Stainless Steel Kitchen Sinks with Preserve™ Coating

Products to consider

- KOHLER® Stainless Steel Cleaner
- Fantastik® Antibacterial Heavy Duty Cleaner
- Formula 409® Antibacterial All-Purpose Cleaner
- Windex® Original Glass Cleaner
- Nonabrasive cloth or sponge

For hard water removal:

- KOHLER Cast Iron Cleaner
- Bar Keepers Friend® Cleanser

What do I do?

- Clean stainless steel sinks at least once a week.
- Apply stainless steel cleaner with a nonabrasive cloth or sponge.
- Be sure to rub cleaner with the grain.
- Rinse cleaner off and buff sink dry.

What else should I know?

- Blotting your sink dry with a soft cloth after each use reduces water deposits.
- Do not use steel wool, wire brushes or abrasive sponge pads.
- Cleaners containing chloride are not recommended. If used, rinse the surface immediately to prevent corrosion.



Bathroom Faucets and Accessories

Chrome and Vibrant® PVD Finishes

Products to consider

- Clorox® Disinfecting Bathroom Cleaner
- Comet® Bathroom Cleaner
- Fantastik® Antibacterial Heavy Duty Cleaner
- Green Works® All-Purpose Cleaner
- Green Works Glass Cleaner
- Windex® Original Glass Cleaner
- Soft cloth
- Sponge

What do I do?

- Rinse thoroughly and use a soft cloth to wipe the product dry after each use.
- Use a damp sponge and approved cleaning product to clean surface.
- Buff dry with a clean, soft cloth.

What else should I know?

- Blotting your faucet dry with a soft cloth after each use reduces water deposits.
- Never use cleaners containing ammonia, bleach or acid.

Oil-Rubbed Bronze Finishes

Products to consider

- Windex Original Glass Cleaner

What do I do?

- Spray product with Windex Original Glass Cleaner.
- Wipe dry with a soft cloth.

What else should I know?

- Blotting your faucet dry with a soft cloth after each use reduces water deposits.
- Never use cleaners containing ammonia, bleach or acid.

Vitreous China Faucets

Products to consider

- Clorox Disinfecting Bathroom Cleaner
- Comet Bathroom Cleaner
- Fantastik Antibacterial Heavy Duty Cleaner
- Green Works All-Purpose Cleaner
- Green Works Glass Cleaner
- Windex Original Glass Cleaner
- Soft cloth

What do I do?

- Rinse thoroughly and use a soft cloth to wipe the product dry after each use.
- Use a soft abrasive cleaner when necessary.

What else should I know?

- Using strong abrasive cleaners will scratch and dull the surface of KOHLER® vitreous china products.



Bathroom Sinks

KOHLER® Enameled Cast Iron Bathroom Sinks

Products to consider

- KOHLER Cast Iron Cleaner
- Clorox® Disinfecting Bathroom Cleaner
- Fantastik® Antibacterial Heavy Duty Cleaner
- Formula 409® Antibacterial All-Purpose Cleaner
- Green Works® All-Purpose Cleaner
- Soft Scrub® Gel with Bleach
- Tilex® Bathroom Cleaner
- Soft cloth

For rust removal:

- Bon Ami® (liquid or powder)
- Super Iron Out® Rust Stain Remover

What do I do?

Rinse thoroughly and use a soft cloth to wipe the product dry after each use.
Use abrasive cleaners sparingly if needed for rare stubborn stains.

What else should I know?

Do not use steel wool, wire brushes or abrasive sponge pads.
Do not leave staining materials in contact with the enameled surface for extended periods of time.

Vitreous China Bathroom Sinks

Products to consider

- Clorox Disinfecting Bathroom Cleaner
- Comet® Bathroom Cleaner
- Fantastik Antibacterial Heavy Duty Cleaner
- Formula 409 Antibacterial All-Purpose Cleaner
- Green Works All-Purpose Cleaner
- Lysol® Bathroom Cleaner
- Soft Scrub Gel with Bleach
- Soft Scrub Lemon Cleanser
- Tilex Bathroom Cleaner
- Soft cloth

For rust removal:

- Bar Keepers Friend® Cleanser
- Super Iron Out Rust Stain Remover

What do I do?

Rinse thoroughly and use a soft cloth to wipe the product dry after each use.
Use abrasive cleaners sparingly if needed for rare stubborn stains.

What else should I know?

Using strong abrasive cleaners will scratch and dull the surface of KOHLER vitreous china products.

Glass Bathroom Sinks

Products to consider

- Green Works® Glass Cleaner
- Mr. Clean® with Febreze® Freshness Antibacterial Spray
- Windex® Original Glass Cleaner
- Soft cloth

What do I do?

Choose cleaner from the approved products.
Apply as directed.

What else should I know?

Wipe the product dry after each use to avoid lime buildup in hard water areas.
Do not use bristle brushes, abrasive sponges or abrasive cleaners as they will scratch some glass surfaces.

Bronze Bathroom Sinks

Products to consider

- Mild dishwashing detergent
- Kamala® Cleaner Recovery Kit (available online)
- Soft cloth

What do I do?

Wipe basin with a soft cloth after each use.
Use a very small amount of dishwashing soap and water to clean sink.
Apply a temporary protective coating of carnauba-based paste wax when you notice that water no longer forms beads on the surface.

What else should I know?

Keep bronze out of contact with any metal objects to avoid scratches.
Never use abrasives, metal polishes or lime/rust removal products.
Do not allow toothpaste, carbonated beverages or other household products to rest on the surface for a prolonged period of time.

Stainless Steel Bathroom Sinks

Products to consider

- KOHLER® Stainless Steel Cleaner
- Fantastik® Antibacterial Heavy Duty Cleaner
- Formula 409® Antibacterial All-Purpose Cleaner
- Windex® Original Glass Cleaner
- Dishwashing soap (for colored finishes)
- Nonabrasive cloth or sponge

What do I do?

Clean stainless steel sinks at least once a week.

Apply stainless steel cleaner/polish with a nonabrasive cloth or sponge.

Be sure to rub cleaner with the grain.

Rinse cleaner off and buff sink dry.

What else should I know?

Blotting your sink dry with a soft cloth after each use reduces water deposits.

Do not use steel wool, wire brushes or abrasive sponge pads.

Cleaners containing chloride are not recommended. If used, rinse the surface immediately to prevent corrosion.

Most stainless steel products will scratch from everyday use. However, these scratches will blend over time to create a unique finish.

Artist Editions® Bathroom Sinks

Products to consider

- Green Works® Glass Cleaner
- Windex Original Glass Cleaner
- Soft cloth

What do I do?

Choose cleaner from the approved products.

Apply as directed.

Rinse and wipe product after use and cleaning to prevent soap buildup.

What else should I know?

Wipe the product dry after each use to avoid lime buildup in hard water areas.

Do not use bristle brushes, abrasive sponges or abrasive cleaners as they will scratch surfaces.

Gold and platinum used on decorative products are like fine jewelry; use only warm water to clean.

Dry with a soft cloth.

Do not let cleaners soak on surfaces.



Bathroom Furniture and Storage

Wood Furniture

Products to consider

- Orange-Glo® 2-in-1 Cleaner & Polish
- Scott's Liquid Gold® Wood Cleaner & Preservative
- Soft cloth

What do I do?

- Blot any spills immediately with a soft, damp cloth.
- Dust frequently with a soft cloth in the direction of the grain.

Remove soil buildup every six months:

- Rub surface with a soft cloth dampened in a 50/50 solution of warm water and ammonia-free detergent.
- Wipe clean with a cloth dampened in warm water only.
- Wipe dry.

What else should I know?

- Keep wood furniture away from direct sunlight, heat sources or dampness.
- Protect wood surfaces from scratches by using felt, leather or cork on the underside of accessories.
- Avoid oily polishes and waxes and products containing silicone.

Medicine Cabinets

Products to consider

- Green Works® Glass Cleaner
- Windex® Original Glass Cleaner

What do I do?

- Choose cleaner from the approved products.
- Apply as directed.

What else should I know?

- Do not let cleaners sit or soak on surfaces.
- Do not use bristle brushes, abrasive sponges or abrasive cleaners as they may scratch some glass surfaces.



Toilets, Toilet Seats and Bidets

Vitreous China Toilets and Bidets

Products to consider

- Clorox® Disinfecting Bathroom Cleaner
- Comet® Bathroom Cleaner
- Fantastik® Antibacterial Heavy Duty Cleaner
- Formula 409® Antibacterial All-Purpose Cleaner
- Green Works® All-Purpose Cleaner
- Lysol® Bathroom Cleaner
- Soft Scrub® Gel with Bleach
- Soft Scrub Lemon Cleanser
- Tilex® Bathroom Cleaner
- Soft cloth
- Toilet brush

For rust removal:

- Bar Keepers Friend® Cleanser
- Super Iron Out® Rust Stain Remover

What do I do?

Apply toilet bowl cleaner as directed – most brands are safe to use on vitreous china if used only inside the bowl.

Wipe any splashes of cleaner solutions from plastic or plated surfaces immediately.

To clean rim holes and trapways:

Use a commercial cleaner designated for the removal of hard water deposits.

Follow package instructions.

What else should I know?

Using strong abrasive cleaners will scratch and dull the surface of KOHLER® vitreous china products. Do not use in-tank cleaners as they can seriously damage the flush valve or other working parts. This damage can cause leakage and property damage.



Toilet Seats

Products to consider

- Clorox® Disinfecting Bathroom Cleaner
- Comet® Bathroom Cleaner
- Green Works® All-Purpose Cleaner
- Green Works Bathroom Cleaner
- Tilex® Bathroom Cleaner
- Windex® Original Glass Cleaner
- Soft cloth

What do I do?

If removing the toilet seat, consider using a large utility sink for cleaning.

Create a mixture of dishwashing liquid and water or any of the suggested cleaning products above.

Clean the toilet seat using the mixture and a soft sponge or cloth.

Rinse clean.

Dry exterior with a soft cloth.

Let the toilet seat air dry as well to ensure the hinge area dries completely.

For wood toilet seats:

Use only a mild detergent such as dishwashing soap and a soft cloth.

Wash toilet seat clean.

Wipe down with a damp cloth.

What else should I know?

Avoid using aerosol products.

Do not allow abrasive chemicals and cosmetics (such as fingernail polish and aftershave) to come in contact with the toilet seat as they can damage the finish.



Bathing

Flushing Your Whirlpool

Products to consider

- Powder dishwasher detergent
- Bleach

What do I do?

- Adjust the jets fully clockwise so there is no air induction.
- Fill the bath with warm water 2 inches above the highest jets.
- Add 2 teaspoons of a low-foaming, powder dishwasher detergent.
- Add 20 ounces of household bleach (5% to 6% sodium hypochlorite).
- Run the whirlpool for 5-10 minutes.
- Shut off the whirlpool.
- Drain the water.
- Rinse whirlpool surfaces with water if desired.

What else should I know?

- Flush your whirlpool system twice a month or more depending on usage.

Acrylic or ExoCrylic® Baths and Whirlpools

Products to consider

- Clorox® Disinfectant Bathroom Cleaner
- Fantastik® Antibacterial Heavy Duty Cleaner
- Green Works® All-Purpose Cleaner
- Green Works Bathroom Cleaner
- Lysol® Bathroom Cleaner
- Mr. Clean® Disinfecting Bath Cleaner with Febreze® Freshness
- Tilex® Bathroom Cleaner
- Soft cloth

For rust removal:

- Super Iron Out® Rust Stain Remover

What do I do?

- Wipe out after each use with a soft cloth.

To restore dull or scratched baths:

- Apply white automotive polishing compound with a clean cloth.
- Rub scratches and dull areas vigorously.
- Wipe off residue.
- Follow with a coat of white automotive paste wax.

What else should I know?

- Do not use abrasive cleaners.
- Avoid using aerosol products on the bath surface.
- Do not use restoring wax on areas where you walk or stand.

KOHLER® Enameled Cast Iron Baths and Whirlpools

Products to consider

- KOHLER Cast Iron Cleaner
- Fantastik® Antibacterial Heavy Duty Cleaner
- Formula 409® Antibacterial All-Purpose Cleaner
- Green Works® All-Purpose Cleaner
- Soft Scrub® Gel with Bleach
- Soft cloth

Safeguard® slip-resistant surface:

- Clorox® Disinfecting Bathroom Cleaner
- Tilex® Bathroom Cleaner

For rust removal:

- Bon Ami® (liquid or powder)
- Super Iron Out® Rust Stain Remover

What do I do?

- Rinse thoroughly and use a soft cloth to wipe the product dry after each use.
- Use abrasive cleaners sparingly if needed for rare stubborn stains.

What else should I know?

- Do not use steel wool, wire brushes or abrasive sponge pads.
- Do not leave staining materials in contact with the enameled surface for extended periods of time.

Lithocast® Baths

Products to consider

- Green Works® Natural Bathroom Cleaner
- Lysol® Disinfectant Bathroom Cleaner
- Soft cloth

For rust removal:

- Super Iron Out® Rust Stain Remover

What do I do?

Wipe out after each use with a soft cloth.

Choose cleaner from the approved products.

Apply as directed.

What else should I know?

Do not use abrasive cleaners.

Avoid using aerosol products on the bath surface.



Showering

Shower Doors

Products to consider

- Green Works® All-Purpose Cleaner
- Green Works Bathroom Cleaner
- Mr. Clean® with Febreze® Freshness Antibacterial Spray
- Windex® Original Glass Cleaner
- Mild detergent
- Soft cloth
- Squeegee

What do I do?

Wipe the doors dry after each use to avoid lime buildup in hard water areas.

Use a shower squeegee to clean glass doors after showering to prevent water spots from accumulating.

Occasionally wipe the doors with a diluted mild detergent.

Keep shower doors ajar after use to reduce mildew growth.

What else should I know?

Never use bristle brushes, sharp instruments or abrasive sponges and cleaners on the glass panels or anodized aluminum.

Never clean metal surfaces with cleaners containing abrasives, ammonia, bleach, acids, waxes, alcohol or solvents as they may damage the finish.

Do not let cleaners soak on surfaces.

CleanCoat® Shower Doors

Products to consider

- Soft cloth
- Water
- Squeegee

What do I do?

Wipe down doors with a soft cloth and water or squeegee to keep them looking clean.

Keep shower doors ajar after use to reduce mildew growth.

What else should I know?

Never use bristle brushes, sharp instruments or abrasive sponges and cleaners on the glass panels or anodized aluminum.

Never clean metal surfaces with cleaners containing abrasives, ammonia, bleach, acids, waxes, alcohol or solvents as they may damage the finish.

Do not let cleaners soak on surfaces.

KOHLER® Enameled Cast Iron Shower Bases

Products to consider

- KOHLER Cast Iron Cleaner
- Fantastik® Antibacterial Heavy Duty Cleaner
- Formula 409® Antibacterial All-Purpose Cleaner
- Green Works® All-Purpose Cleaner
- Soft Scrub® Gel with Bleach
- Soft cloth

Safeguard® slip-resistant surface:

- Clorox® Disinfecting Bathroom Cleaner
- Tilex® Bathroom Cleaner

For rust removal:

- Bon Ami® (liquid or powder)
- Super Iron Out® Rust Stain Remover

What do I do?

Rinse thoroughly and use a soft cloth to wipe the product dry after each use.
Use abrasive cleaners sparingly if needed for rare stubborn stains.

What else should I know?

Do not use steel wool, wire brushes or abrasive sponge pads.
Do not leave staining materials in contact with the enameled surface for extended periods of time.

Acrylic Shower Bases

Products to consider

- Clorox® Disinfecting Bathroom Cleaner
- Fantastik® Antibacterial Heavy Duty Cleaner
- Green Works® All-Purpose Cleaner
- Green Works Bathroom Cleaner
- Lysol® Bathroom Cleaner
- Mr. Clean® Disinfecting Bath Cleaner with Febreze® Freshness
- Tilex® Bathroom Cleaner
- Soft cloth

For rust removal:

- Super Iron Out® Rust Stain Remover

What do I do?

- Wipe out after each use with a soft cloth.
- Choose cleaner from the approved products.
- Apply as directed.

What else should I know?

- Do not use abrasive cleaners.
- Avoid using aerosol products on the shower base surface.
- Do not use restoring wax on areas where you walk or stand.

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