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## FIRECLAY

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### THE GENERAL CARE AND CLEANING OF ANY FIRECLAY SINK

Fireclay sinks are made from handcrafted material that boasts a farmhouse appearance. Unlike other types of sinks, a fireclay sink is relatively easy to clean, but maintenance and regular cleaning is essential for long-term use. For general maintenance, clean fireclay sinks with a soft cloth and a non-abrasive, mild cleaner on a regular basis. In order to prevent water spotting, dry the sink with a soft cloth. For a more thorough cleaning or to remove stubborn stains, follow the instructions on the reverse side.





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#### **CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS**

#### AVOID ABRASIVE CLEANERS

While it is rare for fireclay sinks to develop corrosion or hard-to-clean stains, it can be a serious problem if you don't take the best approach. For example, abrasive household cleaners often contain silica or sand that can scratch the surface of your fireclay sink. Avoid using products and cleaners with abrasives. If your sink does come into contact with harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners, rinse immediately with water before drying thoroughly with a soft cloth.

#### SANITIZATION

Fireclay sinks should be washed weekly with a non-abrasive, mild cleaner and dried with a soft cloth to prevent buildup of mineral deposits resulting from water. We recommend following the manufacturer's instructions for any storebought products and cleaners. Sanitizing weekly is necessary because salts and dissolved minerals in rinse water are left behind and can create water spots that taint the appearance of your fireclay sink. For best results, always dry your sink with a soft cloth after sanitizing.

#### TOUCH UPS, SPOTS AND STAINS

If your fireclay sink has spots of heavy gunk, scrape it off with a plastic spatula. Baking soda or a mild, non-abrasive cleaner can also help to remove hardened stains and gunk. To safeguard your fireclay sink from stains or spots, consider applying a sink wax made from real carnauba as a protective coating. Always rinse thoroughly after cleaning and wax applications and dry with a soft cloth.

#### SCRATCHES

While fireclay sinks are very durable and are designed to resist chips, scratches and stains, it may be necessary to perform maintenance and take preventative measures to offer even more protection from scratches. Before taking action, clean and rinse the sink thoroughly to rule out the possibility of a black mark versus a scratch. If a scratch does appear, use a fireclay repair liquid matching the color of your sink and use the touch-up brush to cover the scratch. Allow your fireclay sink to dry for a full day before rinsing away the excess liquid.

