



FURNITURE PLUS

LEATHER & LEATHER-LIKE UPHOLSTERY CARE & CLEANING

Keep your leather furniture in beautiful condition with simple cleaning skills. Learn more about deep cleaning, and when you may need to hire a professional. Review step-by-step instructions that help you handle deep cleaning like a pro.

LOCATE THE LABEL

When looking for new furniture, or caring for an existing piece, it is important to read the upholstery care label. The tag is usually located underneath the cushions or furniture platform, and may look like this one:



A Sales Associate can help you locate this label, and help you source more information from the manufacturer about the properties of your upholstery textile.

CHECK THE CLEAN CODE

Care labels give consumers important information about the characteristics of a piece of furniture. A “clean code” refers to the method used to clean the textile. This code is a one or two letter abbreviation you’ll easily remember.

These clean codes are most commonly used for leather and leather-like upholstery:

Universal Cleaning Codes for Leather, and Leather-Match Upholstery

E - Use a Leather Care Kit (leather cleaner plus a leather protector cream)

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A TIMELESS CHOICE

Warm, organic leather--for centuries, we have used it for protection and shelter. Each skin is unique, marked by experiences of the living creature that shared its coat. A skin may map anything from tiny bites and healed scars, to barbed wire scrapes or growth patterns . These characteristics connect us to simple life rhythms.

Leather and leather-like vinyls offer lots of inspiration for interior design. Flexible and hardy leather is forgiving, making it a great choice in busy households. Leather can be dyed in virtually any colour, for huge impact in a room.

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CARING FOR LEATHER FURNITURE

- Dust frequently, using a vacuum cleaner crevice tool to whisk away particles and crumbs
- Clean weekly, using a damp sponge or microfiber cloth. Wipe gently. Do not rub.
- Leather can be scratched or pierced, so do not use sharp objects or knives near your furniture
- Leather can dry, crack, and fade when exposed to direct heat or sunlight. Use window coverings to protect your furniture from direct sunlight.
- Do not place newspapers or magazines on leather furniture as the ink may be transferred and stain the surface.
- Order a leather cleaning kit when you purchase leather furniture. This kit includes a gentle cleaner, a leather conditioner, plus a sponge and soft, cleaning cloth.
- Never use household cleaners, abrasives, harsh chemicals, or saddle soap to clean leather.
- Use a gentle leather cleaning solution without oils, soaps, or detergents.
- Once you have cleaned your leather furniture, wipe on a leather conditioner. It will keep the surface supple, maintain the colour of your leather, and create a protective barrier against spills and stains.

REMOVING SPOTS, SPILLS AND STAINS FROM LEATHER

Water Spots

Using a damp cloth, wipe the entire surface around a water spot, from seam to seam. Do not rub! This process eliminates any obvious spotting pattern, and allows the surface to absorb equivalent moisture and dry evenly.

Pet Urine Stains

Use a product like Nature's Miracle to remove pet urine stains and neutralise odours. Follow product directions. Treat the entire surface of the cushion to avoid water spots..

Ink Stains

Treat ink stains as quickly as possible. Use an ink remover stick to remove or reduce ink markings. A professional cleaner is the best resource for rescuing ink-stained leather.

Oil/Food Grease Stains

Treat oil stains as quickly as possible. Briskly rub cornstarch into the stain until you feel friction in your fingers. That heat loosens the oil, helping the starch absorb it. Whisk away the residue, and repeat until the oil is gone.

Water Stains

Soak a new sponge and wring out as much water as possible. Working from the spot outwards to all edges of the cushion, dampen the leather. There will be less moisture as you move away from the stain. Wipe, and do not scrub the surface.

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