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Properly maintaining your furniture is important for keeping cherished pieces looking great as well as protecting you from having to re-purchase items much sooner than is needed.

So you've purchased a gorgeous new fabric furniture set or singular piece from Essex Home Furnishings. Taking proper care of your new purchases is one of those vital tasks that often gets neglected. The effort put into maintaining your furniture's condition is very minimal, yet it can go a long way toward keeping your furniture looking great for years to come. Essex Home Furnishings' Care Guide will demonstrate how to properly care for your new furniture with some easy-to-follow tips that will keep those items in your home looking fantastic!



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- The purchase of MagiSeal fabric protection guarantees your piece added resistance to spills, but immediate cleaning is still needed as a best defence.
- Keep upholstered pieces out of direct sunlight as ultraviolet rays cause most fabrics to fade and sometimes fray.
- Regular rotating and flipping of cushions as part of your regular cleaning regimen will ensure good even wear and will keep your set looking good for years to come.
- All manufacturers recommend regular vacuuming of your upholstery to extend the life of your cushions.
- Most sets come with zipper access to the inside backs to allow you to adjust and redistribute padding to restore your sets.
- Using a brush/upholstery attachment, carefully vacuum the surface to remove dust and small particles.
- Don't place newspapers or magazines on upholstery. The ink from these items can bleed onto the fabric.

Cleaning

Many manufacturers provide cleaning codes on their sewn-in manufacturing tag which indicates the proper spot cleaning method for your upholstery. The tag will indicate a W - for water based cleaners, S - for solvent based cleaners, W/S - for water OR solvent based cleaners or a D - for dry clean. If this is not provided by the manufacturer, feel free to contact an Essex Home Furnishings cleaning expert. Below are some tips to assist you if you are confident cleaning upholstery and furniture fabrics on your own.

- Don't remove cushion covers or arm caps for separate laundering as this may damage or destroy the backing, cause colour changes and promote shrinking.
- It is recommended that you first test any cleaning product on an inconspicuous or unseen area. Do not use strong detergents or chemicals.
- When a spill occurs, blot (don't scrub or rub) the spill with a cloth as quickly as possible to lessen the spread of the stain.
- These easy-to-find items are helpful for cleaning and removing stains in upholstered furniture: white cloths; eye droppers and squeeze bottles (ideal for targeting stains and limiting the contact cleaning liquid has with the surrounding fabric); spray bottles (ideal when you don't want to completely soak fabric); medium bristle brushes such as a toothbrush; and soft bristled brushes (such as a clothes brush).
- To prevent rings it is important to clean spots starting from the outside, gently working towards the middle of the affected area.

Pilling

Some fabrics can be susceptible to pilling. This is not an indication that the fabric is not wearing well. This is a natural phenomenon whereby excess fibre is being released. This can appear as small balls on the surface or a fuzzy appearance. This is not considered a defect and can normally be taken care of with the use of a clothes shaver. In some cases this may have to be repeated a few times before this diminishes and finally stops.



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