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WOOD





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Congratulations on the purchase of your wood furniture from Essex Home Furnishings. Every piece is different and by choosing your stain colour, wood type and hardware, you have personalized a piece of furniture that is unique to you.

Our wood furniture is made up of many pieces of wood. Each has its own unique grain pattern and you may notice slight natural variations and surface character that makes solid wood one of a kind.

These natural characteristics are proof that you are enjoying an authentic item and not an artificial wood imitation. All solid hardwoods expand and contract with changes in relative humidity. You have made a sizeable investment in your furniture and you should protect that investment. When cared for properly your solid wood furniture will give you and your family a lifetime of enjoyment.



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Catalyzed lacquers continue to harden for 30 days after manufacturing. It is important to take extra care in this time period as your table is most vulnerable before finishes are completely cured. Clean tables gently, use non-rubber backed placemats or tableclothes, check dishes and accessories for sharp edges and protect with felt to avoid scratches.

- Avoid placing hot or wet items on wood surfaces.
- Leaves should not be stored on their ends as they can warp.
- Wood will expand and contract with temperature and humidity changes in your home. Small gaps where leaves and tables meet are considered normal. It is important to try to maintain a consistent level of humidity in your home.
- Avoid direct sunlight by using drapes or blinds during the day.
- Use padding under all rough china and hot or cold objects.
- Store table leaves flat in close proximity to the table or in the same humidity, and avoid storing leaves in damp basements where the leaves will swell.

Cleaning

- Avoid using wax polishes. Do not use cleaners with bleach, ammonia or abrasives that can damage the surface.
- For cleaning you may use a damp cloth. Dry immediately with a soft cloth and buff lightly, following the grains.
- Alternatively, ask your retailer or local hardware store for the polish that is right for your furniture.



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