

# *the Amish Home Gallery*

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**WITH PROPER CARE, YOUR SOLID WOOD FURNITURE WILL LAST A LIFETIME. BE ESPECIALLY MINDFUL OF PLACING HOT ITEMS ON SURFACES AND DRAGGING ABRASIVE ITEMS ACROSS SURFACES. PLEASE FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THE FOLLOWING CARE GUIDELINES:**

## **For Routine Cleaning and Care:**

Generally, a soft, clean, damp cloth followed by a dry cloth (to minimize water spots) will be all you need to clean the finish. If a cleaner is required, use only a very mild soap and wipe dry. A high quality furniture polish may be used occasionally, but is not necessary. Always wipe in the direction of the grain.

## **General Tips for Maintenance:**

- ✓ Your new solid wood furniture is finished with a Conversion (Catalyzed) Varnish. This durable wood finish offers a very hard mar-resistant surface, but like any finish may still be scratched or damaged if not cared for properly. Your new finish goes through a 30-day curing process. Be especially mindful of care during this period.
- ✓ Use padding under all sharp, hot, or cold objects and objects with abrasive bottoms.
- ✓ Use padding or placemats with cotton, linen or felt against the surface. Rubber, cork, vinyl, plastic, and bamboo products may react with the varnish and cause damage.
- ✓ Objects should be lifted and NOT dragged across the surface to prevent scratching. Expect some small surface scratches to appear with normal use.
- ✓ Wood furniture is best kept within a humidity range of 35% to 45%. This ideal range will help minimize gapping between leaves, and prevent cracking.
- ✓ Table leaves should be stored flat in an area that maintains the same humidity as the dining table. Avoid storage in attics and basements.
- ✓ Dyes and inks may discolor the finish. The dyes and inks from newsprint and plastic bags may penetrate into the finish when damp or wet.
- ✓ Limit direct sunlight exposure as much as possible or adjust blinds to avoid hour after hour of direct sunlight. Over-exposure can cause a change in the appearance of your furniture's finish.
- ✓ Excessive exposure to smoke will cause the finish to yellow.
- ✓ Avoid all polishes containing wax or silicone as well as oil soaps. These can damage your table, and are not needed with the Conversion (Catalyzed) Varnish.
- ✓ Do not use cleaners containing bleach or ammonia.
- ✓ Do not use cleaners with abrasives, as they may scratch the finish. **DO NOT USE "MAGIC ERASER" OR "SCOTCH BRITE" PRODUCTS OR SIMILAR PRODUCTS.**
- ✓ Be sure to call or visit your dealer with any questions regarding proper care of your solid wood furniture!