

# Copper Sink Care

One of the great features of a copper bathroom sink is that its patina will actually evolve over time. It is often described as having a "living finish", A **Living finish** is a non-lacquered, unprotected **finish** that "changes" over time. The **finish** changes are caused by oxidation from air and water. Can copper kill bacteria? Recent studies have shown that **copper** alloy surfaces **kill** E. coli O157:H7. Over 99.9% of E. coli **microbes** are **killed** after just 1–2 hours on **copper**. On stainless steel surfaces, the **microbes** **can** survive for weeks. ...**Copper's** antibacterial effect was found to be intrinsic in all the **copper** alloys tested.

## "Daily Use"

### Rinse After Use

Use a mild hand soap that does not contain any kind of citrus. After each use, rinse your copper sink with water to remove any soap, toothpaste, or other residues. This will help prevent mineral build-up on your sink. Our copper sinks are not sealed, which makes the patina a "living finish".

## "Hard Water"

If you live in an area where the mineral content is high, we suggest you wipe the sink down with a clean, soft cloth after every use. This will help avoid calcium spots. We also recommend **Renaissance Wax**. This will protect your sink against mineral deposits and other types of build ups from occurring. You can apply a new coat of wax when you notice that the water is no longer "beading-up" on the surface of your copper sink.

## "Cleaning your Copper Sink"

Copper is naturally antibacterial and will do most of the work in keeping itself clean. All you have to do to maintain the sink is give it an occasional cleaning with a mild soap, such as Dawn Original dishwashing liquid soap, and a soft cloth. Gently wipe the interior and exterior with warm water and mild soap. Rinse and dry with a soft clean lint free cloth. **NEVER** use any sort of abrasive cleanser, copper cleaner, or scrubber on the sink because it may scratch or even remove the patina. **NOTE:** if you have housecleaning done by another, you need to inform them of how to care for your copper sink, so that harsh or abrasive chemicals are not used to clean your sink.

~ Any questions with the care of your copper sink, please call~

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