



CARING FOR YOUR STAINLESS STEEL SINK

The most popular material for domestic kitchen sinks today is Stainless Steel. This is due to its corrosion resistance and hygienic properties and that today's consumer wants the same high standards and functionality as seen in all the top restaurants.

But this doesn't mean that you can neglect caring for your stainless steel sink. It is going to require a simple ongoing maintenance program so that it can keep its good looks and functionality.

At different times of the year due to varying Dam levels & the amount of iron & minerals in your water supply, marks may appear on your sink. These may occur on a more regular basis as we suffer the draughts and subsequent lower Dam levels which effects our water quality.

Here are some of the things that can effect the look of your sink and how to reduce / eliminate the cause.

Water Quality

The quality of your water can affect the appearance of your sink. When water has a high iron content, a brown surface stain can form on the sink giving the

appearance of rust. Also, in areas with a high concentration of minerals or over-softened water, a white film may develop on the sink. To combat these problems, we suggest you wipe the sink dry after each use and give it a more thorough clean each week using a recommended abrasive product.

Chlorides

Chlorides are found in almost all soaps, detergents and cleaning products and can be damaging to stainless steel. They are water soluble, however, so if you rinse away residue after each use, a weekly scouring is all that is needed to keep your sink looking bright and shiny.

Foods

Foods that contain high levels of salt should not be allowed to dry on the sink surface. Rinse your sink thoroughly after use.

Tips on cleaning your sink

Do rinse thoroughly after each use

Do wipe dry after each use to prevent the build up of mineral deposits

Do clean the sink each week with a cream cleaner such as "Hillmark Steel Power", making sure to rub in the direction of the satin finish lines

Don't clean the sink across the satin finish lines

Don't allow liquid soap or other household cleaners to dry on the surface of the sink

Don't leave solutions of chlorine bleach and water to stand in the sink for long periods of time

Don't use a steel wool pad to clean your sink