

Caring ~~For~~for Leather Furniture

Leather furniture can be a stunning centerpiece to any room. And ~~often~~ ~~times~~ oftentimes it wasn't a cheap purchase. Keep your leather furniture as beautiful as the day you bought it by making sure ~~its~~ it's clean and taking care of it well by following just a few simple tips.

Simply keeping it dusted and free from ~~lose~~ loose dirt that naturally builds up is the number one way to keep your leather furniture clean. When you do your weekly dusting, add your leather couch and chair to your list. Just be careful not to use ~~pledge~~ Pledge or any other dusting polish on or around the leather. It can cause a greasy, sticky buildup that is difficult to get rid of. ~~Vaccum~~ Vacuum away crumbs and animal hair whenever you have your vacuum pulled out. Making a quick clean of your leather furniture will soon become as much a habit as vacuuming and dusting.

Because leather can crack easily when exposed to heat, keep it out of direct sunlight and away from fireplaces and vents. Close your window shades when the sun is ~~shinning~~ shining right on the leather.

Various locations from furniture stores to ~~Wal-Mart~~ Walmart sell leather conditioner and cream you can occasionally apply (as often as directed on the

bottle label) to the leather. This keeps it moisturized and extends the furniture life.

Usually the leather furniture will have a tag on it or will have come with a pamphlet that will provide information on the type of leather it is and its proper cleaning care. Be sure to check this before trying any type of cleaning other than a clean cloth or vacuuming. If you can't find any information on the tag or pamphlet, call the store you bought it from or a leather professional.

If you do spill a liquid on the leather, blot it dry with a soft cloth and let the area ~~air-dry~~ air-dry. Don't rub it! This will only cause the liquid to go further into the furniture rather than getting it out. If the liquid stains, consult a professional to remove the spot.

If greasy foods drop on the leather, wipe ~~it~~ them off like a liquid. Usually grease spots will gradually disappear over time. Leather tends to scratch easily, so be careful with ~~any~~ anything sharp. Keep prints such as magazines and newspapers off the leather as these can easily bleed ~~on to~~ onto the furniture and leave an imprint. If you read ~~a lot~~ a lot, keep a magazine rack or basket next to the furniture in order to have an easy place to throw your reading material when you're done—rather than on the chair.

Do not use car cleaners or baby wipes to clean up anything on the leather furniture. They can leave permanent stains. Do be sure, to immediately clean up any spills with a clean, soft cloth. The faster they are cleaned up, the better chance of reducing any stains and retaining the leather's natural appearance.

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