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## Copper Information and Care

Copper has been used for thousands of years and is amazingly easy to maintain since they do not show fingerprints as stainless steel and other metals do. For basic cleaning, simply use a mild soap and water. Other cleaners typically are not necessary. Products such as Renaissance Wax or Flitz Faucet may be applied to the copper surface periodically to give it last protection. These suggested seals will help maintain the luster of the copper and provide better water runoff. Leave the water running while working with acidic foods in your sink to avoid any reaction. To keep your copper sinks free of hard water stains you should dry it with a soft cloth after each use.

Copper is a living metal and the patina of our Antique and Natural finishes will all naturally continue to patina over time; meaning they will become a richer, darker color. However, if you would like to keep your copper sink looking like it did when you first installed it, we recommend waxing the sink every 2-3 months. Our copper sinks are not lacquered or sealed in the manufacturing process and will react to their environment as they develop character. If acidic items such as lemons, ketchup, or red wine sit on these finishes for an extended period of time, the finish may be affected, but since copper is a living metal it will *heal*, or re-patina itself over time, often in a matter of days. The beauty of copper is that it is ever changing and no two pieces are ever alike giving you a one of a kind work of art!

### **Warning-Do not use copper cleaners**

Your copper sink could be harmed by using some copper cleaners. Copper cleaners can be abrasive and scratch the surface of your sink. Also, do not use corrosives such as chlorine, concentrated vinegar, abrasive cleaners, citric acids like lemon or orange juice, or harsh chemicals as these substances may remove the patina finish.

## Benefits of your Novatto Copper Sink

Copper ions are soluble in water, where they function at low concentration as bacteriostatic substances and fungicides. For this reason, copper can be used as an anti-germ surface that can add to the anti-bacterial and antimicrobial features of buildings such as hospitals or even your home! Science now proves copper kills 99% of bacterial, including super bugs like MRSA within two hours of contact. Copper disinfects itself within eight hours of contact versus a stainless steel sink may take up two days with soap and water! Research also has shown that H1N1, referred to as the swine flu virus, also does not survive on copper.

Enjoy our commitment.

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