



CARE GUIDE

Care & Maintenance Guide

Keeping your painted Brushhollow cabinets clean, adjusted and looking their best.

APPLIES TO

All kitchen cabinets

Sink bases

Blind corners

Drawer banks

Fillers

Entertainment bases, towers and bridges

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Your cabinets are built from Baltic birch plywood and solid poplar, with MDF door panels, and finished with the paint you chose. Simple, regular care keeps the finish looking good and the doors and drawers working smoothly.

1 The first month

Most cabinet paints feel dry within hours but need weeks to reach full hardness. Check your paint label; full cure often takes 2 to 4 weeks.

- Close doors and drawers gently, and do not let painted surfaces rest against each other.
- Clean only with a soft, damp cloth until the paint has cured.
- Do not put tape, adhesive hooks or labels on painted surfaces.
- Small clear bumpers where doors and drawer fronts meet the face frame help keep fresh paint from sticking.

2 Everyday cleaning

- 1 **Dust** with a soft, dry microfiber cloth.
- 2 **Wash** with a soft cloth dampened with warm water and a few drops of mild dish soap. Wring the cloth out well; it should be damp, not wet.
- 3 **Rinse** with a clean damp cloth.
- 4 **Dry right away** with a soft towel. Pay special attention to edges, the bottoms of doors, and the areas around the sink and dishwasher.

⚠ AVOID

Abrasive pads, scouring powders, melamine "eraser" sponges, steel wool, ammonia, bleach, acetone, other solvents, and strong degreasers. They can dull, soften or scratch the paint. Test any new cleaner on a hidden spot first.

✓ TIP

Cabinets near the range collect grease. Wipe them often with warm, soapy water; light grease comes off far more easily than built-up grease.

3 Protecting the finish

- **Water:** wipe up spills and drips at once, especially at the sink base, around the dishwasher, and on the bottom edges of doors and drawer fronts.
- **Wet towels:** do not hang damp dish towels over doors. Moisture held against the paint can damage it over time.

- **Steam and heat:** keep kettles, coffee makers, slow cookers and toasters out from under wall cabinets while they run. Let the dishwasher cool before opening it fully after a drying cycle. Protect the cabinets next to a self-cleaning oven from heat as the oven maker directs.
- **Plumbing:** look under the sink regularly for drips. If you find a leak, shut off the water, dry the cabinet, and get the leak repaired.
- **Handling:** use the pulls and knobs to open doors and drawers, so hands do not wear the paint on the edges.

4 Humidity and temperature

Wood and plywood take on moisture from the air and release it, swelling and shrinking slightly as the seasons change. Keeping indoor conditions steady protects your cabinets and their finish.

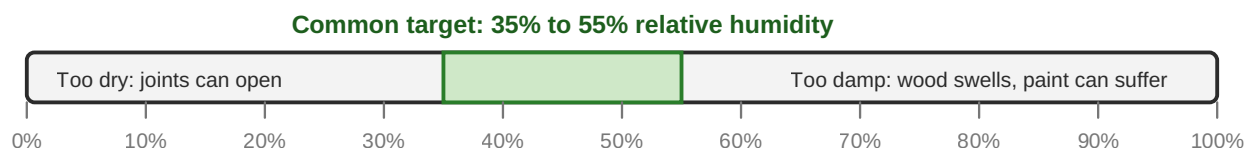


Figure 1. A relative humidity of about 35% to 55% is a common target for wood cabinets. An inexpensive hygrometer lets you check it.

- Use your heating and cooling system to avoid large, fast swings in temperature and humidity. In very dry or very damp climates, a humidifier or dehumidifier can help.
- Use the kitchen exhaust fan while cooking and the bath fan during showers.
- In homes left empty for long periods, keep the climate control running at a moderate setting.
- Fine lines can appear at the joints of painted wood doors and face frames as the wood responds to seasonal changes. This is common with painted wood. If you have concerns about any change in your cabinets, contact us with photos.

5 Shelves and loading

- Set every shelf on all four pins, fully seated in their holes.
- Put heavy items on lower shelves and near the ends of a shelf, where it is supported, rather than in the middle of a long span.
- Do not hang from, stand on or climb doors, drawers or shelves.
- For entertainment centers, check now and then that towers and bases are still firmly anchored to the wall, especially after moving a TV or heavy items.

6 Hinge and drawer adjustment

Doors and drawers can shift slightly over time with use and seasonal movement. Small adjustments bring them back into line.

- **Doors:** the screw-on face-frame hinges adjust three ways: side to side (to even the gaps), in and out (so the door closes flat) and up and down (to line up the tops). Turn the adjustment screws a quarter turn at a time.
- **Loose hinges:** snug the screws that hold the hinge to the face frame and to the door. Do not overtighten. If a screw spins in its hole, contact us or a cabinet professional.
- **Drawers:** undermount drawers (contractor-grade or luxury soft-close) lift off their slides with the release levers under the front of the drawer box. If a drawer will not close fully, check that both levers are locked and that the drawer is seated on the rear hooks.
- **Slides:** vacuum crumbs out of the slide area. Do not oil or grease the slides unless the slide maker recommends it.

The **Hardware & Hinge Adjustment Guide** has step-by-step instructions and diagrams.

7 Touch-ups

Small chips and scuffs are easy to repair with your leftover paint.

- 1 **Clean the area** with mild soapy water and let it dry.
- 2 **Smooth the edges** of the chip with very fine sandpaper (320 grit or finer) or a fine sanding sponge.
- 3 **Fill deeper chips** with a small amount of paintable wood filler, let it dry and sand it flush. Spot-prime bare wood, MDF or filler with the same type of primer you used originally.
- 4 **Apply thin coats** of the original paint with a small artist's brush, feathering the edges. Several thin coats look better than one thick one.
- 5 **Let it cure** before cleaning the area.

✓ TIP

Store leftover paint sealed tightly, indoors, at room temperature, and protect it from freezing. Stir it well before use; do not shake waterborne enamels, which can create bubbles.

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Seasonal checklist

Every few months	Once or twice a year
• Wipe down doors and fronts near the range • Check under the sink for drips • Vacuum drawer and slide areas • Check humidity with a hygrometer	• Snug hinge screws and adjust doors • Check drawer alignment • Touch up chips • Check the anchoring of entertainment towers and bases

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Your finish record

Fill this in when you finish your cabinets, so touch-ups match.

Primer (brand, product, type)

Paint (brand, product, type)

Color name and number

Sheen

Date finished / where leftover paint is stored

RTP Cabinets order number

Questions? Contact RTP Cabinets: RTPCabinets.com/contact

Please include your order number, and photos of anything you would like us to look at.

Disclaimer. This guide gives general care information for RTP Cabinets products finished by the owner. Always follow the care instructions from the makers of the paint, hinges and slides on your cabinets. Local codes apply to any plumbing or electrical repairs. If you are unsure about a repair, consult a qualified professional. Specifications are as of October 2026 and may change. See the Brushhollow spec sheet and each product page at RTPCabinets.com for current details.