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Rattan and wicker: Vegetal fibers.

Rattan is obtained from the thin and flexible stem of some climbing palms widespread in tropical and sub-tropical areas.

The wicker is obtained from the innermost part of the rattan.

Rawhide: It is obtained from untanned animal skin and is composed of collagen.

Standard maintenance:

For cleaning, we recommend dusting with a soft brush and, if necessary, a cloth dampened with water. Alcohol or solvents of any kind are not recommended as they can damage the surface.

To preserve the durability of these natural materials avoid exposure to direct sun and rain.

Keep your indoor natural wicker furniture cleaned regularly. Use a vacuum cleaner with a brush attachment to regularly clean the dust out from between the weave. Dirt that builds up in the weave can become very difficult to remove if left go for long periods of time. So, if your home tends to have high dust or dirt in the air or on your clothes, you should be sweeping your furniture at least every few months. Doing so will ensure that the finish stays clear of dirt and grime.

When your natural wicker furniture becomes dirty and will not clean up with regular vacuuming, you need to get a little more serious about your cleaning method. It's time to break out the cleaning tools and products that clean the dirt off, but leave the natural wicker unmarred from the cleaning process.

To spot clean, you will need an old tooth brush and follow these steps:

- Use a small container about the size of a 12 oz. soup can. Add a few drops of dish soap into the container and dilute it by filling the container about half way with hot or warm tap water.
- Dampen the tooth brush with the diluted solutions and spot scrub your wicker.
- After cleaning the spot with the brush, wipe up the residual soap on the spot using an old wash cloth with cold water until the excess water is removed.
- Wiping and rinsing several times will nicely remove any soapy residue, but leave the natural wicker damp.
- Allow the damp wicker to thoroughly dry. This may take several hours depending on how much water is absorbed into the natural wicker fibers and the humidity in the air. Direct sunshine and high air flow will speed up the drying process.



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