

CARE INSTRUCTIONS

This is a Santa Fé Rústicos ítem, because each piece of wood is unique and handcrafted and carved, expect variation in wood grain appearance, finish stain coloration, and carvings that are not considered imperfections or defects.

- Keep furniture out of direct sunlight to avoid sun and light damage and color bleaching.
- Keep furniture away from direct heating and cooling sources as they affect the moisture content of the wood.
- Clean wood with a soft, dry cloth to remove dust. Use a wood cleaner / protection agent to remove dirt and grime and restore the sheen to the wood finish, being careful not to transfer the cleaning agent to your upholstered fabrics.

HEAT, HUMIDITY AND HARDWOODS

Did you know that up to half the weight of freshly pine wood is water? Furniture is crafted from wood that is carefully dried, retaining just enough moisture for the furniture to properly acclimate to the relative humidity in your home. The wood in furniture continues to exchange moisture with the air, shrinking and expanding in response to changes in relative humidity.

Like your own skin, solid hardwood furniture's natural response to extremely dry air is to lose moisture and to shrink slightly. The halves of an extension table may part slightly, or a few tiny openings may appear on a solid wood surface. This will correct itself as the relative humidity rises, and the wood absorbs enough moisture to expand slightly.

On the other hand, if you don't have an air conditioner or dehumidifier, your home's relative humidity may get too high. Parts of your wood furniture may absorb excess moisture from the air and expand, perhaps causing drawers to stick. Once again, this will correct itself as your home's relative humidity decreases. The furniture's quality and sturdiness are not affected by these natural changes.

Here are some ways to ensure your solid hardwood furniture's longevity:

- For your comfort, as well as to protect your furniture, use a humidifier in the winter and an air conditioner in the summer to keep the relative humidity at 25 to 35 percent.
- Avoid placing furniture directly in front of radiators, heat runs or fireplaces.

- Don't expose hardwood furniture to continuous direct sunlight. Draw the curtains occasionally.
- Store table leaves as close as possible to the table. Keep them in an upstairs closet rather than in a damp basement, so that the table leaves are adjusting to the same relative humidity.

TENDER LOVING CARE

It's surprisingly simple to protect and enhance hardwood's natural beauty. All that's needed is some tender loving care. Here are a few tips from the experts:

- Read the manufacturer's care directions carefully and keep them handy for future reference.
- Dust with a soft cloth by following the grain pattern of the wood. Use an old T-shirt, baby diaper or cheesecloth that's been laundered to remove the sizing.
- Dust often to remove everyday abrasive particles from wood surfaces. Before dusting, moisten cloth lightly with a spray product. A dry cloth can leave hairline scratches on the finish.
- Surfaces also can be cleaned with a mild non-alkaline soap and water. Use the suds on a damp sponge or cloth, but be sure to pretest the solution on an out-of-sight-section to make sure it doesn't damage the finish. Dry immediately with a soft cloth and buff lightly, following the grain.
- Wood finishes benefit from an occasional waxing or polishing. A paste wax can be applied every six to twelve months. Remove old wax first with a mild non-alkaline soap and water solution.
- Avoid waxing urethane-finished furniture. Waxing these surfaces causes them to gather dust and dirt rather than repel it.