



Product Care

Every product in this catalog is crafted with diligence and professionalism to ensure that it will endure the seasons. Care must be taken throughout each product's life to maintain its beauty and longevity. See below for some important tips.

Talavera & Rustic Clay

Though they appear and are made very differently, both our Talavera and Rustic Clay pottery lines are fired earthenware. As earthenware products, there are several things you can do to ensure the lasting beauty of this pottery:

1. Though they are fired to a vitreous state, earthen clays still have the potential to absorb moisture. When used outdoors limit exposure to moisture with the following methods:
 - a. Elevate planters a minimum of 1" off the ground or other surfaces with planter feet or a planter stand.
 - b. Make certain that the drainage hole(s) is clear of debris and other objects that could prevent water flow. Do not allow standing water inside of the planter.
2. In climates with the potential for freezing temperatures, extra care must be used. Rapid temperature changes and the resulting expansion and contraction of the clay can be damaging. If possible, planters should be moved indoors during freezing conditions. Larger planters may be covered with fabric that is extended to the ground to prevent sudden freezing.
3. When cleaning pottery, do not use any harsh or abrasive chemicals or objects. Use warm, soapy water and a soft scrubber.

Chimeneas

Each chimenea is shipped with product use instructions, but it is important to be aware that chimeneas should be covered when not in use. Also, it is important that a fire is not built directly on the clay surface as the thermal shock may cause the unit to crack. Before using, the owner should fill the bowl of the chimenea with gravel or other material that will shield the clay from direct flame.

Wood Planters

Our wood planters come factory sealed for ease of use, however the wood must be re-sealed or stained on an annual basis to prevent the wood from drying out, cracking, or rotting. Prolonged storage without planting or sealing may result in shrinkage and separation of joints.

Doormats

Coir doormats are made from the fiber produced by coconuts. This natural "reclaimed" material is versatile and strong, however care must be used to ensure longevity. Coir mats must be used in a sheltered area. Direct exposure to moisture or sunlight can deteriorate the coir material. Coir mats should be shaken out regularly to avoid tracking loose fibers into the home.