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Pottery Care

Our handcrafted Talavera pottery is double fired to over 1900°F. The heat saturation combined with carefully formulated clay and glaze mixtures produce a highly durable, long lasting finished product. As an earthenware product, there are several things you can do to ensure the lasting beauty of the pottery you've purchased. Please follow the instructions below for optimum results:

1. Though it is fired to a vitreous state, earthen clays still have the potential to absorb moisture. When used outdoors, limit prolonged exposure to moisture with the following methods:
 - a. Elevate planters a minimum of 1" off of the ground or other surfaces with planter feet or a planter stand.
 - b. Make certain that the drainage hole(s) are clear of debris or other objects that could prevent water flow. Do not allow standing water inside 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. Planters may be moved indoors or (especially larger planters) may be covered with fabric to prevent sudden freezing.
3. When cleaning pottery, do not use any harsh or abrasive chemicals or objects. Clean with warm, soapy water and a soft scrubber.
4. Dinnerware:
 - a. Never expose an item to thermal shock (e.g. placing a hot item under cold water).
 - b. When cooking in a clay pot, pre-warm the pot for even and safe cooking. Place a small amount of water in the bottom of the vessel before heating.
 - c. Do not expose the pottery directly to the heat source. If using on a stove top, use a trivet or other diffusing device to prevent breakage.
 - d. All items are microwave and dishwasher safe, but both may cause accelerated wear and tear. For best results, we recommend hand washing.