

**DID YOU KNOW** that Copper possesses natural anti-bacterial properties unlike any other metal? There are a number of highly regarded clinical studies showcasing copper's ability to dramatically reduce bacteria transfer in high volume areas of homes and hospitals (i.e. kitchens, baths, faucets etc.). Science shows us that bacteria can live for days, or even weeks, on a stainless steel surface; while the natural anti-bacterial properties of copper actually kill dangerous bacteria in a matter of hours!

### *Never Use Abrasives or Soft Scrub! Soap and Water Does The Trick!*

To protect the finish of your Sierra Copper product, avoid using abrasive cleaners. Coarse, acidic or alcohol based cleaners should not be used; nor should steel wool, Brillo pads or wire brushes. **Clean with hot soapy water and scrub with a soft nylon brush.**

For tough stains, try using a paste of baking soda and water, applied with a sponge. Rinse thoroughly and dry with a soft cloth.

Avoid prolonged surface exposure to acidic foods, such as tomato sauce and citrus. If these items sit overnight in direct contact with the copper, the surface may discolor. Should the surface discolor, it will start to darken again with use. This darkening process will depend on how often the copper product is used. The more it is used, the faster the process.

### *To Keep Your Copper Product in Pristine Condition, Dry After Use!*

The natural Patina process may also be affected by mineral content in your water supply. Removing any standing water with a soft cloth is recommended to prevent calcium staining and mineral buildup.

**A copper finish is a "living finish" and never really stops changing in color.** You can greatly reduce this change with the use of auto paste wax or furniture oil, such as Lemon Oil. Olive oil may also be used as a sealant and will darken and enrich the color of the copper. Use the auto wax a few times per year; or the lemon oil and/or olive oil as often as you like.

**To further age the Patina of your copper product,** dissolve a teaspoon of salt with ¼ cup of ammonia and apply. Let dry for ½ hour, then wash with cold water and dry with a clean, soft cloth. Repeat the process to further patina. This process also works in areas that may have been brightened or lightened with use over time.

### **SATIN NICKEL Care Instructions**

Regular cleaning is important to maintain the appearance of your Satin Nickel finished product. Do not use any type of abrasive cleaning tools such as scratch-pad sponges or agents, as they may tarnish the finish. Avoid bleach based cleaners, ammonia based cleaners and acid. If used, rinse the surface immediately to prevent corrosion. If corrosion occurs and a dark spot forms, it can be easily removed by using a No. 7 Chrome Polish which can be purchased at any hardware store. After every use, it is very important to rinse thoroughly and wipe the surface dry following the grain; this will prevent water spots and mineral deposits.