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Dust

Dust periodically. Dust is a drying agent for leather.



No. 2

Limit Direct Sunlight

If possible, place leather furniture out of direct sunlight. Sunlight can fade any natural product. Leather is no different.



No. 3

Contain The Stain

For spills, contain as quickly as possible. For stubborn stains, clean using the Moore & Giles leather cleaner.

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Leather Care Guide

What are best practices for caring for leather furniture—simple strategies that a homeowner can employ daily, weekly, monthly, yearly?

From Day One

Select a leather that will last. Real, natural leather will wear in and not wear out.

Daily

Change your mindset! Many treat investment leather furniture pieces with kid gloves, but good leather will take on unique character over time, and begin to slowly patina and take on the life of the owner. Think about your favorite pair of denim jeans...watch video [here](#).

Monthly

Dust is the enemy! Dust absorbs moisture and will cause your leather to dry out and crack. To counteract, periodically dust with a dry cloth.

As Needed

Cleaning: Less is more! First, rule is do no harm. Simply, blot the stain immediately with a dry rag to absorb all moisture. Avoid rubbing the leather and spreading the liquid. A dry white cloth will suffice in most cases. If that doesn't do the trick, add a little mild dish soap.

Scratches: If you get an undesired scratch in your leather, use the heat of your hand or a blow dryer to smooth it out. The natural waxes and oils in our natural leathers with shift and move to cover the scratch.

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How can a homeowner prevent cracks or tears in their leather furniture? A patina is certainly lovely, but how can a homeowner know when to step in before leather wears so much that it's in disrepair?

It comes back to choosing well, not often. True full-aniline dyed natural leather will not peel or flake. We've all seen the cheap bonded "leather" sofas that look as if the top is wearing off the leather - this is not a true natural leather. [Click here](#) to learn more about the types of natural leather.



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Remove all residual dust with a dry cloth.



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Apply the Moore & Giles 33 cream vigorously with a damp sponge and allow the leather to dry.



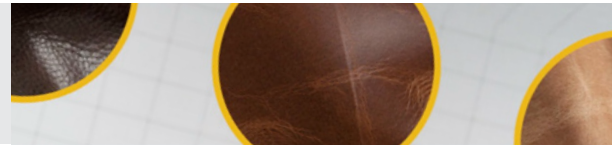
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Use a dry cloth to remove any residue as well as buff and polish the surface (as necessary).

Leather is the original performance material and is meant to endure wear and use—from pets and children alike. If you think about it in terms of other furniture, you'll have to reupholster your fabric sofa several times over the course of your lifetime, while leather stands the test of time.

Types of Leather

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What are the best cleaning supplies to keep at home for leather furniture? Is there a particular type of tool or conditioner that's recommended?

Cleaning

We recommend a simple soap and water solution to spot clean. Avoid using abrasive cleaning agents. Instead, mix three parts water with one part mild soap, such as Ivory dish soap. Tap or distilled water works just fine! Keep in mind, the stain will look its worst on the day of the incident, but over time, the stain will begin to disperse through the protein fibers of the hide and eventually become part of the look.

Is there a recommended placement for leather furnishings? For example, out of direct light, or at a certain distance from a heat source?

Sunlight will eventually cause leather to fade—Avoid positioning your leather furniture in direct light. If your chair or sofa is positioned in direct sunlight a simple throw a blanket over the back of your furniture is an easy way to beautifully battle the sun.

About Moore & Giles

Founded in 1933, in Lynchburg, Virginia, Moore & Giles is dedicated to designing and developing the most innovative and luxurious natural leathers for the high-end hospitality, aviation/automotive and residential interior design industries. In January 2007, we introduced a collection of luxury leather bags and accessories as an additional avenue to showcase the inherent beauty and timeless appeal of our natural leathers. Sold at fine retailers across the country and online on the Moore & Giles web site, this collection, just like our leather offerings, is constantly evolving.

