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Care of Polished Woodware

Almost all of the timber we use has been sourced in the West Country, largely from wind-blown timber from woods, fields and gardens. This is often regarded as firewood – but we recycle it into something quite unique. Some pieces will show signs of past wood borer activity – especially those with unusual grain patterns. Do not be concerned by this. Any such pieces will have been microwaved during the manufacturing process to a high temperature to ensure the ‘demise’ of any ‘squatters’!

Functional Items

Boards and kitchen items are treated with food safe oil or rape seed oil; bowls are treated with a sealant and melamine or polyurethane finish. Kitchen items will come into contact with water and liquids such as detergents. Hand wash with washing up liquid and dry; wipe occasionally with rape seed oil. **Never wash in a dishwasher.** Dairy products, fruit and vegetables may produce some staining over time.

If a cutting board is used to cut meat, it should never be used for any other food stuff. Spray with an anti-bacterial spray and then wash in cold water and washing up liquid; use of hot water will encourage the deposit of unwanted proteins onto the wood.

Platters may be used as mats (trivet) under hot cooking vessels which have come straight from the oven. If the vessel is coming from an oven that is above 220°, rest the vessel for a minute or two on the sink draining board or similar, before putting on to the platter.

Decorative Items

Rub occasionally with a bees wax polish, such as Briwax, followed by a brisk rub with a soft cloth or duster to keep them shining. We do not recommend the use of a silicon spray polish.

In general, our pieces are intended for use – not just for show. In the very nature of their purpose they will get cut, scratched and bumped. That is their fate and they should bear their scars proudly! However, if you really cannot bear the sight of such a damaged item – they may be returned for resurfacing/ re-polishing for a small fee.

