



## Stainless Steel Care & Maintenance

Products manufactured from stainless steel are naturally resilient to corrosion, with excellent performance in most environments. However, stainless steel products cannot be considered completely maintenance free. Periodic cleaning is necessary, and required, to maintain the beauty and luster of the stainless steel.

The general recommendation is to perform periodic cleaning once or twice per year. However, maintenance will be required more frequently, as needed, in harsh environments, including but not limited to those with exposure to salt chlorides and/or other airborne contaminants, such as ocean salt spray, de-icing salts, swimming pool chemicals, or industrial pollutants.

### Initial Cleaning

Cross contamination can occur when metal particles from carbon steel, iron or another non-compatible metal are transferred onto stainless steel.

Immediately following product installation, stainless steel should be cleaned. This final step will remove any potential contaminants from the stainless steel surfaces caused during the installation process.

### Cleaning Guidelines

- For general cleaning purposes use warm water and mild soap (liquid dish soap or car wash soap), followed by a freshwater rinse.
- Use soft cloths, such as microfiber or cotton. Avoid using power cleaning tools, and sharp or abrasive objects, such as steel wool, wire brushes or cleaning products containing abrasive grit.
- Avoid harsh solutions or abrasive cleaning materials, including but not limited to, alkaline or acidic cleaners or solutions containing trisodium phosphate, phosphoric acid, hydrochloric acid, hydrofluoric acid, fluorides, or similar compounds.

### Stain Removal

While rare, sometimes corrosion or staining may occur on stainless steel, particularly in harsh environments. Use the Feeney Cleaner and Protectant Kit (with SteelRenewal™ & SteelProtect™) <https://www.feeneyinc.com/Feeney-Steel-Renewal-Steel-Protect>.

- **SteelRenewal™** is a biodegradable cleaning gel, specially designed to remove rust, staining, and other contaminants without scrubbing or other mechanical work. Just apply, wait, and rinse with fresh water.
- **SteelProtect™** provides a second level of cleaning power and protection, when used after treating a surface with SteelRenewal™.