Elkay Stainless Steel Sink Care and Cleaning

With proper care and maintenance, your Elkay stainless steel sink will give you a lifetime of service. Below are the suggestions for the care and cleaning of your Elkay sink.

General Cleaning
It is recommended to clean Elkay sinks daily to avoid build-up of soap or mineral deposits, as these tend to have an adverse effect on the appearance of the product. For daily cleaning use an ordinary mild detergent and soft cloth to rinse and dry the sink. Allowing water or cleaners to evaporate on metal will negatively impact the look of the sink. To avoid this, it is important to dry the sink after each use.

- To avoid unwanted build-up, it is recommended to dry your sink after each use.
- Soft abrasive cleaners may be used when necessary (Blue Scotch-Brite Pads). Strong abrasive cleaners will scratch and dull the surface (Green Scotch-Brite Pads).

Do's
- It is recommended the use of an Elkay bottom grid or rinsing basket to protect your sink.
- Run cold water when pouring boiling water into sink.
- It is recommended that you clean your sink prior to first use.

Do Not's
- Avoid storing open containers of household cleaners and chemicals containing chloride such as bleach, acid, and drain cleaners or toilet bowl cleaner beneath the sink. Vapor emission from the chlorides can cause corrosion and pitting to the exposed stainless steel and other metals including faucet water supply lines.
- Do not use dish mats as these can trap soap and dirt making sink maintenance more time-consuming and cultivate harmful bacteria.
- Do not leave standing water in your sink, especially if the water contains anything that could stain the sink (i.e. coffee or tea).

Stainless Steel
Light scratches are normal for stainless steel sinks; over time they will blend into the uniform finish pattern.
- Steel soap pads, steel wool, or wire brushes should never be used; particles can adhere to a stainless steel sink surface and will eventually rust. If an abrasive pad must be used Elkay recommends Scotch-Brite Non-Scratch (blue Scotch-Brite pad).
- Do not use cleaners containing ammonia, bleach, or other harsh chemicals. Chemicals containing chlorides (bleach) are particularly damaging to stainless. If used, rinse the surface immediately to prevent corrosion.

Recommended Cleaning Products:
- Bar Keeper's Friend Soft Cleanser
- Stainless steel cleaner & polish
- Or any mild detergent

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Success with cleaners are dependent on the quality of the water being used. Failure to follow care and cleaning will void your warranty. For additional information, please visit elkay.com.

Home Remedies

- For major stains or grime on your sink, a mixture of a half a cup of white vinegar and a half cup of water will help. Dip a cloth into the solution and rub away the grime or stain. The solution should then be rinsed off and dried to prevent damage to your sink's finish.
- Another solution for major grime or stains, is a small amount of baking soda and water on a toothbrush. This should remove any nasty stains. Again the solution should then be rinsed off and dried to prevent damage to the finish of your sink.

DO NOT allow any part of your Elkay sink to soak in either of the above mixtures. It is also recommended to test the above mixtures on an unseen part of your faucet to see what affect it has to the finish of your sink.