



Moisture Control

Damage from moisture can occur in kitchens and bathrooms. Although it's not typical, it can appear as finish deterioration, topcoat discoloration, or wood stains. To avoid this, be aware of the following:

In Kitchens

- Wipe away water that gets on the front of cabinets
 - Pay attention around sinks and dishwashers where water is splashing onto the cabinets
- Avoid steam from coffee makers and tea kettles venting directly onto overhead cabinetry, it may affect the finish
 - If possible, locate these appliances with clearance overhead

In Bathrooms

- Ensure the bathroom is properly vented and meets current code

Seasonal Climate Impact

- Humidity from wet seasons will not directly affect the finish, but can cause wood contracting, such as slight expanding of doors and drawer fronts in the warmer, humid months, and slight shrinkage in cooler and drier weather
 - Climate control in the form of a dehumidifier can help, but results will vary
- Extreme dryness can lead to shrinkage, splitting or popped joints
 - A humidifier can help
- Relative humidity of 40-60% is considered ideal for woodwork in the home.