

## General Tip to protect your new furniture, We suggest the following:

- Avoid sitting on the edge of the seat.
- Keep off the arms! They're not designed to support full body weight.
- Be careful of your clothing, as pocky bits can cause damage to the fabric.
- Avoid placing your sofa too close to an open fire or radiator, as excessive heat can wear on the fabric.
- Lift don't drag! It's better for your floors as well as your sofa's legs and castors.
- Position furniture out of direct sunlight to avoid color fading and sun-bleaching.
- Keep your cushions looking fresh with regular plumping.
- Avoid heavy spot cleaning as this could result in pile damage and watermarks.
- Where needed, routinely swap reversible cushions to ensure even wear.
- Give your sofa a regular refresh by brushing it or vacuuming it with a soft brush attachment.
- Be quick to wipe up spills! And when you do, blot, don't scrub.
- Avoid exposure to household chemicals like cosmetics and cleaning materials.
- Keep tabs on the position of your sofa's legs to ensure they haven't spun out of place and use the fixing screws where provided.
- Never force a zip closed. Make sure zips are aligned and if you have trouble, remove the cover and check that nothing is preventing closure.



# Upholstery Care Guide

*Read on for the keys to keeping  
your upholstery in top form.*



## Furniture Care

Poundex Furniture includes a large assortment of innovative designs in wood, mixed media, and hand-painted finishes. Wood products, leather, and natural stone, each piece is truly unique with natural variation and is one of a kind. With proper care, Poundex furniture can last a lifetime.

### Keeping it Clean

Upholstery fabric doesn't fare well in the washing machine. Instead, we recommend professional upholstery cleaning on-site every 18 months. In case of mishaps like drink or food spills, reach out to a local specialist cleaning company. Regular vacuuming and gentle brushing of your furniture for daily care can prevent dust particles from settling and impacting the fabric's durability and color.

If you have young children, sticky fingers and biscuit crumbs are often part of the deal. Therefore, choosing an easy-to-clean sofa with durable fabric is usually the best choice. When spills occur, promptly blot them away with a slightly damp, clean cloth, preferably muslin. Avoid scrubbing, as this can risk damaging the pile, especially with velvet. Excessive water can lead to watermarks and discoloration. It's advisable to steer clear of using cleaning solutions on any upholstery.

Pets are considered part of the family, and we understand that. However, fur, claws, and muddy paws can take a toll on your sofa. We recommend choosing durable fabrics that are easier to clean in such cases. When in doubt, seek professional advice before attempting to clean upholstery yourself. Please note that Poundex is not responsible for any damage caused by a third party.

### Leather

To care for your leather sofa, start with regular cleaning using a soft, damp cloth or a vacuum cleaner with a gentle brush attachment. Avoid harsh cleaners and opt for leather-specific products or a mild soap and water mixture. Periodically, apply a leather conditioner to maintain the leather's suppleness and

prevent drying or cracking. Protect your sofa from direct sunlight to prevent fading and drying. If you have pets, use furniture covers or train them to avoid scratching. For spills, blot immediately and use a leather cleaner if necessary.

Keep your sofa away from heat sources and consider professional cleaning every few years.

### Polyfiber

Maintaining a polyfiber sofa is simple. Regularly vacuum or use a lint roller to remove debris. For spills, blot with a clean, dry cloth and avoid harsh chemicals. Rotate and flip cushions to wear and shield the sofa from direct sunlight to prevent fading even out. Consider using armrest covers or furniture protectors, especially with pets or children. Most importantly, schedule professional cleaning periodically to ensure deep cleaning and preserve your sofa's quality and appearance.

### Velvet

Velvet is undoubtedly a stunning fabric. It tends to mark easily, and even slight exposure to moisture can permanently alter its appearance. Removing stains from it can also be quite challenging.

Over time, you may notice marking and crushing on velvet, but these characteristics can enhance its unique character. To minimize marks, you can use a velvet brush. It's important to be aware that some deeper pile velvets may develop piling. To preserve the beauty of your velvet furniture, it's wise to position it away from direct sunlight whenever possible. Your velvet pieces will continue to exude elegance with proper care and attention.

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Linen, a lightweight and natural fabric, has a unique quality of creasing and stretching over time. Just like with any sofa, it's important to vacuum regularly to keep dust and crumbs from dulling the fabric's beauty.

Linen, being a highly absorbent natural fiber, can be a bit sensitive to spills. For most spills, we recommend reaching out to a professional upholstery cleaning specialist for the best results.

To maintain the longevity of your linen upholstery, it's good practice to position it away from direct sunlight. This way, you can continue to enjoy the laid-back elegance of your linen furniture for years to come.

### Fabric Pilling & Bobbling

Certain natural fabrics may develop slight pilling or bobbling over time. To maintain their fresh appearance, you can use fabric shavers gently to remove these imperfections.

When it comes to sofa beds, here's a tip: When you first open your sofa bed, check if the mechanism is securely tied before attempting to extend it. Don't be alarmed if you hear a slight creak during use – it's, not you!

### Plastic Wrapping & Storage

Our sofas appreciate a breath of fresh air! When your sofa arrives, please ensure its unwrapped promptly upon delivery. Avoid keeping sofas in plastic packaging for storage, as this could potentially impact comfort and quality, especially if they contain feathers or natural interior materials. Your sofa will be thankful for the extra TLC!

### Creasing, Fading, & Dyes

Velvet and Chenille Fabrics: Over time, it's natural for the pile on velvet and chenille fabrics to flatten slightly. To maintain their fresh appearance,

we recommend brushing them in the direction of the pile.

Linen: Linen tends to crease due to its natural properties, but rest assured, these creases won't cause any long-term damage.

Sunlight Protection: Whenever possible, position your furniture away from direct sunlight. This helps prevent color fading and sun bleaching, preserving the vibrancy of your upholstery.

Dye Transfer Caution: While all our upholstery fabrics are designed to be colorfast, it's wise to be cautious when wearing heavily dyed clothing, like jeans, on a light-colored sofa, especially if the clothing is damp. In the event of dye transfer, don't hesitate to contact a furniture cleaning specialist promptly for assistance.

### Corner & Chaise Sofa

Our corner and chaise sofas come with a clever bracket that connects. Before you sit or put any weight on your sofa, ensure that the bracket is securely fastened. This prevents the risk of bending. If you need to move your sofa, always unhook the bracket, and move each module separately. Avoid attempting to move the entire sofa in one piece or dragging it, as this could potentially twist the frame or break the bracket.

### Cushions

Give them a good plump and flip them a couple of times a week. Once a month, unzip the case and gently beat the edges to fluff up the filling.

If needed, open the zip slightly to let air out. Foam and fiber cushions can flatten over time, so regular plumping is key.