

## WHITE HOUSE WOODWORKS CARE INSTRUCTIONS

Unless otherwise stated, pieces I create are NOT designed to be a vessel in which you would serve food. My items are typically designed as decorative pieces. I use a natural clear stain to bring out the beautiful features found in all woods. I then complete the process with multiple thin layers of clear Wipe-On-Polyurethane to give each piece a hard protective shell. Those bowls (and other items) have a durable "film" type finish, usually a thin varnish, which provides not only lasting protection, but some degree of glossiness that brings out the grain and figure of the wood. Without such a finish, wood has a flat, dull, lifeless appearance that is not flattering to the wood. There is very little maintenance required for pieces with this type of finish. An occasional wipe with a soft cloth to remove dust, and maybe an occasional polishing with a quality paste wax, is typically all that is needed.

If a bowl IS labelled as a “**Food Safe**” as it would be for a Salad Bowl, it will have been prepared with a natural oil finish, such as walnut oil or mineral oil. An excellent guide on the care of Food Safe bowls can be found at [woodenbowlshop.com](http://woodenbowlshop.com).

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