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## **CARE & CLEANING OF BRONZE**

Bronze statuary will naturally darken and age to a deep green finish in time. This desired 'antique' look is absolutely beautiful in the proper setting. If you prefer to keep the original brown or Verde finish, it is necessary that the bronze be properly waxed on a regular basis. Like polishing your vehicle or shoes, polishing your bronze statue with wax will protect it from nature's elements. Polishing will remove any white oxidation and dirt, as well as seal the bronze from moisture.

There are special waxes designed for bronze or commonly used waxes such as 'Old English furniture polish'. We recommend using a light brown wax only on the brown finishes and a clear wax or lemon oil on all other bronze finishes.

Paint brushes are used to apply the wax to the bronze. Place a light coat over the entire piece with heavy coating on areas that are oxidized or dirty. Let the wax dry on the bronze for about 20 minutes and proceed to remove the wax using a soft cloth or mechanical buffer. Several applications may be required in certain areas that are heavily oxidized. You should wax your bronze sculpture a few times a year depending on weather elements in your region.