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Winter Care of Statues and Fountains

Thank you for your recent purchase. We hope you enjoy your statuary item as much as we did creating it for you! Many customers ask if our products stand up to long winters, extremely inclement weather, and freezing temperatures. The answer is yes, but only with proper care. While we expect the works of art we sell to be of the best quality, Mother Nature can be quite tough on these pieces. (Ice and freezing temperatures have compromised even Michelangelo's David!)

Extreme and rapid changes in temperature and humidity may affect your statues adversely. Resin and cast stone have an inherent tendency to expand and contract with climactic conditions. The ideal solution is to store your statuary or fountain away from direct exposure to the winter elements. A basement, garage or gardener's shed would be perfect. The following recommendations are offered to help ensure that your statuary purchases give you years of enjoyment.

Fountains, Birdbaths, and Planters

1. Drain the bowl(s) or shell(s) thoroughly.
2. Remove the statue and pump, storing them inside if possible.
3. Fill the bowl(s) or shell(s) with an absorbent material such as towels, blankets, etc.
4. Cover the entire fountain with a fountain cover or heavy-duty plastic sheeting and secure tightly. Should condensation droplets form on the inside of the cover, the material will absorb them.
5. Small Fountain and Birdbath bowls may be inverted so that water will not pool inside.
6. Remove the drainplug if your fountain has one.
7. Do not use antifreeze in fountains.
8. Do not allow fountains or statuary to sit in freezing and thawing water.
9. We strongly suggest that all portable Fountains, Birdbaths and Planters be moved indoors in extremely inclement weather and freezing temperatures.

Statues

Statues with designs that may retain or collect water should be covered or stored. They are also susceptible to damage by the effects of ice and wind. If they do not seem securely placed, lower them from their pedestals early in the winter. In windy cities, statues on terraces should be secured to permanent structures. Painted items, like some of our gargoyles or animals, should be allowed to winter in a covered area. (We don't want the poor guys to get frostbitten.) We strongly suggest that all portable statues be taken indoors in extremely inclement weather and freezing temperatures.

Please remember, while resin and cast stone are strong and durable, nature can be stronger. A little maintenance and care will keep your statuary investments beautiful for years to come.

Sincerely,
The Design Toscano Customer Service Team

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