

# Use & Care Guide

Thank you for purchasing this statue! This product has been manufactured with the highest standards of safety and quality.

The below use and care instructions are meant as guide to extend the life of your statue.

## Use Instructions for your statue:

Place the statue on flat ground or surface.

## Special consideration for statues crafted from magnesium oxide or poly resin material:

- It is best if statue is not left in standing water or snow for long periods of time. Standing water or snow may cause damage to the base of your statue.
- During extreme winter conditions, we recommend moving your statue to a sheltered dry location to help prevent damage to your statue.

## Care Instructions for your Care:

### Items you need:

**Statue (Magnesium Oxide or Poly Resin Material)** – water, wash cloth

If temperatures are near or below freezing, do not attempt to clean the statue. Magnesium oxide absorbs moisture and may crack while it expands.

Start by gently rinsing the garden statue with a sprayer nozzle attached to a garden hose.

Do not use a power washer. The forceful spray may damage the statue, especially if it is small or painted. If the sculpture is small and delicate, dispense with the hosing and use a soft paint brush to gently remove dust and debris.

Once you have rinsed off the largest debris and grime, use a soft cloth to wipe off any residue or dirt. Depending upon the level of grime, use either a soft cloth or a soft scrub brush to remove stains and dirt. Gently rinse the statue and either wipe dry with a soft, dry cloth or allow to air dry.

The outdoors can be a harsh place for garden statues, especially in some locations and seasons. Therefore, special precautions should be taken to protect these focal points of the garden and to extend their pristine appearance as long as possible.

**Special note:** It is best to place in an area where there is the least amount of contact with water.

Using a water sealer that is designed for concrete or masonry on statues that will be placed outside is a good idea. Statue owners can do this once a year for all statues and especially for statues that hold water as part of their features, including birdbaths and fountains.

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Following directions when applying a water sealer to statuary is very important. Sunny days offer the best weather conditions for drying the statue once it has been sealed with the water sealer. Moreover, it is essential to wash the statue prior to sealing to remove any particles of dust, dirt, or grime.

Because magnesium oxide (MgO) is a porous material, it makes a versatile material that can withstand most extreme weather conditions.

**Special note:** Excluding long periods of rain, snow, or freezing temperatures

However, to extend the life of your statue, we recommend taking additional care during the winter and rainy seasons. The statue base may start to erode if left too long in the snow or standing water.

It is recommended that garden statues should be placed upon a paving stone, concrete block, or concrete pavement to protect them from the harsher elements of the soil and ground. Our statues are durable, but a bit of help from human hands cannot hurt.