

Cast Stone Products



The below care instructions have been provided by Campania International Inc.

Proper care is required for all Campania Cast Stone products to protect them from the freeze-thaw cycles which occur in winter. We suggest that all Campania cast stone products not be left outdoors over the winter where there exists the possibility of snow and ice. It is best to store the product in a dry place out of the elements. Freezing water not only bursts water and heating pipes in houses, but it also bursts any product that can hold water, snow or ice such as a planter, birdbath top or shell, fountain bowl, and any product that rests directly on the ground, such as statue, birdbath base, planter, pedestal or bench leg. In freezing temperatures, any water present in these products will freeze to ice and expand, causing possible cracking and chipping. This applies to any item manufactured from non-elastic materials-clay, cast stone and cast iron. In order to minimize any possible winter damage, please follow the simple suggestions outlined below.

Placement- Always place any Campania product on a solid level foundation and not on grass, soil or uneven surface. Failure to do so can cause product to topple.

Cast Stone Planters- If a planter is to be left planted over the winter, ensure proper drainage by raising the planter off the ground on wood slats or pot risers making sure not to block the drainage hole. Place a layer of coarse gravel in the bottom of the container to facilitate drainage. If the planter remains in contact with the ground surface over the winter, the freeze-thaw cycles may cause the planter to crack or crumble. Leaving plants in the containers above ground for the winter is not recommended in this area without sufficient soil volume and pot size.

If a planter is not to remain planted over the winter, we suggest that it be stored out of the elements in a garage or shed. If a planter is to be left outside, unplanted, we suggest that you empty the planter of soil, turn the planter upside down onto wood strips, and cover or wrap the planter with clean burlap or other absorbent materials and then cover with dark plastic.



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Fountains- We recommend that fountains be stored in a dry place out of the elements. If a fountain must be left outdoors over the winter, the fountain must be drained of water by turning the bowl upside down. Store bowls upside down and keep bowls and components raised off of the ground by placing pressure treated wood slats underneath each side. After turning the items upside down onto wood slats, cover or wrap the item with burlap, or any absorbent materials (old blanket/towel) and then cover with dark plastic. This will help in preventing moisture from penetrating into the item. All pumps must be stored inside for the winter. This procedure will prevent the fountain from freezing to the ground. If any part of the fountain is sitting directly on the ground it will simply continue to soak up water and this may cause structural stress to the fountain.

Cast Stone Benches /Birdbaths/Statuary/Shells- Birdbath tops and shells should not be left outside in winter because if the bowl fills with water, snow or ice and freezes, expansion will cause the top to crack. Therefore all birdbath tops and shells should be stored in a dry place out of the elements for winter. Birdbath bases, bench legs, and statuary should be raised off the ground to avoid damage, which will result if the product freezes to the ground surface. Cover with burlap and dark plastic.



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