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Proper Care of Functional Pottery

1. Do not place on a stove burner, grill or open flame.
2. Do not put in a preheated oven. Prepare and add food to the dish, place in a cold oven, then turn on the oven to allow your oven-safe pottery to heat up with the food. Make sure the pottery is half full of food or liquid before you use it in the oven or microwave.
3. Do not place a hot baking dish in cold water. Rinse after pottery is cooled before washing.
4. Do not use excessive high heat to cook food on plates. Plates, platters, and other flat pieces can crack if used in a microwave or oven with prolonged baking. Gentle heating is recommended and safe with a full plate of food.
5. Do not place hot plates/platters from the oven on a cold or wet surface.
6. Don't put the cold dish in the oven without letting it come to room temperature first. If reheating leftovers directly from the refrigerator, allow to reach room temperature to reheat in your pottery.
7. Do not pour boiling hot water in a mug without warming it first under running hot tap water.
8. Do not ladle boiling hot stew or pot roast onto a plate without warming it first under running hot tap water. Heat water in a mug for tea for 2 – 2 ½ minutes in the microwave, not 5-6 minutes!
9. Do not use your pottery to thaw frozen food using a microwave or in an oven.
10. Do not put a stack of plates in the oven to warm them.
11. Do not take hot pottery out of the dishwasher, put a cup of ice in it and fill it with ice water.
12. Do not store your flat pieces standing in a shelf. Best to lay plates, platters, and other flat pieces stacked.

Proper Care for Raku and Raku & Fiber Art

Always use both hands to lift raku vessels by the outside of the base. If the piece includes fiber, treat it as you would a fine watercolor and do not place it in direct sunlight.

Raku is a ceramic; a low-fire porous pottery not intended to hold liquids. Glow Pots by Marc Jenesel, are designed with a copper lining that takes the ambient light and bounces it back. Do not use candles in these vessels. The copper is coated to protect it from tarnishing.

For cleaning, pat or wipe the vessel gently with a slightly dampened cloth. You may also use a hair dryer on the cool setting or a vacuum cleaner with a computer keyboard attachment. Do not use any sprays or oils as these tend to attract dust and insects.