

How to Protect Your Outdoor Sculpture



Install it in a proper location

- Find a level location with proper grading on your property.
- Use a professional installer/engineer who is versed in weight distribution and has the equipment needed to construct a base, move, and secure large and heavy outdoor pieces.
- Make sure water or chemical runoff from landscaping will not come in contact with the sculpture or accumulate at its base.
- Consider elevating your sculpture on a stone or concrete platform if drainage is a problem.
- Consult a licensed arborist to ensure that nearby trees are healthy.



Maintain it.

- Hire a professional conservator to oversee the sculpture's maintenance.
- Have a professional regularly examine the piece's overall condition, i.e.: check to see if it needs cleaning, waxing, etc.
- Direct landscapers and irrigation specialists to trim vegetation around the sculpture, clear any overhanging branches which may be at risk of falling, and redirect sprinklers away from the sculpture to avoid potential damage.
- Make it clear to family, friends, and hired professionals that this is a "hands-off" sculpture; many will assume that outside artwork can be handled.



Protect it from weather

- Consult with a conservator to confirm your sculpture can withstand the elements wherever it is installed.
- If your sculpture is located in an area with exposure to hurricane force winds, consider installing a pre-fabricated impact-rated solution or use a non-abrasive protective wrapping to safeguard your sculpture from flying debris.
- If extreme weather is possible, consider making plans for a professional shipper to move your sculpture to a secure location.



Get the right insurance

Make sure that the insurance policy you choose includes "all-risk" coverage to protect your sculpture.



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