



Natural Stone – Maintenance & Care

Natural Stone, Marble & Granite:

Natural stone and marble countertops are not maintenance free and do need to be maintained properly. Maintenance may require sealing the stone and using the recommended stone surface cleaner.

SEALING:

Your new tops are sealed in our fabrication shop. We use only the highest quality impregnating sealers which should give you many years of trouble free usage. We do recommend resealing your granite countertops every 12 months and we will be happy to advise you where to obtain and how to apply this sealer.

CLEANING:

For cleaning your tops you can't go wrong with just a little dish soap and water (3 drops to a sinkful of warm water). Dry the top after cleaning with a soft rag. Never use general-purpose cleaners, acidic and alkaline solution, abrasives, ammonia or bleach as these products can degrade sealers and damage stone surfaces. Be careful with cleaners that contain alcohol, or those that dry faster than you can wipe them off. They will often cause a buildup that can make your tops look dull. Avoid chemical cleaners. Do not wax your tops.

STAINING:

Granite countertops rarely stain when properly sealed and maintained. 99% of any stains that do occur can be removed with a poultice. We can remove almost any stain and this can be done for a small charge.

SCRATCHING:

Granite countertops are extremely hard surfaces and very resistant to scratching. Only diamonds, sapphires and topaz are harder, which means granite is extremely durable and able to withstand scratches and long term wear. The top should not be used as a cutting surface since it will dull your knives. The use of cutting boards is recommended. Also keep in mind that limestone, marble or honed granite tops frequently scratch and stain much more than polished granite. Thus these stones require additional care.

HEAT:

Granite countertops are very heat resistant and unlikely to burn or scorch. However, thermal shock or cracks may occur if the countertop is subject to extreme temperature changes. It is recommended that you protect your countertop from extreme heat by using trivets or hot pads.

With regular sealing and correct cleaning methods your natural stone tops should remain as beautiful as the day they were installed.

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