

Cleaning Schedule

Daily: Truthfully, hot water and a sponge is sufficient to wipe up spills and debris and keep your countertops clean and tidy throughout the day. At the end of the day, a quick spray and wipe of the most heavily used areas with a stone cleaner will adequately clean, disinfect and protect your countertops.

Weekly: Use the stone cleaner over the entire surface.

To enhance shine and luster on dull countertops, reinforce the sealer, and helps resist hard water marks and fingerprints.

Quarterly: Polishes can also be used periodically to add just a bit of extra shine for the ultimate in natural stone and granite counter top care.

Yearly: Testing your granite every year is a good idea to determine when it needs to be re-sealed. Sealer penetrates stone surfaces to provide superior, long-lasting resistance to staining, and prevents soil build-up and other damage.

We Recommend:

KeyStone Liquid Lightning 3 in 1 Spray

For daily, weekly, and quarterly cleaning/polishing

Miracle Stone Sealer

For yearly sealing

Got Questions?

Any additional questions you have concerning the care and maintenance of your countertop can be answered by the sales or shop staff at our office between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Friday.



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Countertop Care & Maintenance

Congratulations!

You have made a wise decision to put a stone product in your home. There is nothing quite like it. Every piece is unique, even stone that is cut from the same block. We at Superior Stone Design like to think that a stone countertop is a functional piece of art. Its value will only increase over the years. However, there are a few things we would like you to know about the care of your stone.

Granite

Few other natural or man made materials can surpass the beauty of polished granite stone. Your color choices are limitless. There is no doubt that you will be able to find a color and pattern that you will love. You can match granite to any kitchen design or color palette. Your personal tastes will not have to be compromised. Granite countertops are just as durable as they are beautiful. Granite is one of the most durable materials you can install in your kitchen or bathroom. The natural stone is highly resistant to staining and discoloration. When you install a granite countertop in an updated kitchen it will more than pay for itself. The resale value of your home will more than increase by the cost of the stone and the installation.

Marble

Marble as a building material has a long and illustrious "career," having been used in the courtyards of Caesar, in the palaces of Renaissance Europe, and up to more recent times. Marble tile has become more and more popular for use not only in residential applications, such as foyers, hallways, and in bathrooms, but also in commercial projects for similar uses. One of the great qualities marble can extend to a project is the aura of artistry and old-world elegance that only marble tile can bring.

Quartz

Quartz countertops are resilient and easily maintained. Its properties have elevated it to enormous popularity as more and more users have discovered its alluring combination of strength and beauty. Quartz itself is durable and scratch resistant and lends itself well to use in a variety of household functions. Compared with natural stone, this will never have to be sealed. So it's no wonder that its use in countertops is so prevalent.

Do's

Dust Surface Frequently.

Use a mild detergent or stone soap.

Thoroughly rinse and dry the surface after washing.

Blot up spills immediately.
(Acidic substances like wine, coffee, fruit juices, tomato sauce and sodas will not etch granite like they do marble, but they could potentially stain the surface. Cooking oils may also leave a stain if not wiped up.)

Clean surfaces using a sponge or soft cloth.
(Using a specially formulated stone cleaner is recommended to keep your tops in the best condition and protect the sealer, but hot water will do for quick clean-ups. Dish soap won't hurt your granite, but repeated or excessive use of soap will cause build-up and dull your countertop's shine.)

Use coasters under all glasses, bottles and cans.
(Again, granite won't etch and using coasters on dense and/or properly sealed granite is not an absolute necessity like with marble, but using coasters is just a good practice to protect all surfaces.)

Use trivets and hot pads under pots, pans and dinnerware.

Use cutting boards.
(Again, avoid the possibility of scratching the surface and protect your knives.)

Don'ts

Bang heavy pots or equipment on your countertop. (counters may chip if they are hit with a heavy object)

Use vinegar, lemon juice or other acidic cleaners.

Use abrasive cleaners such as dry cleansers or soft cleaners.

Use generic cleaning products such as bleach, glass cleaners or degreasers.
(These products that you buy at your local store may contain acids, alkalis and other chemicals that can etch marble and degrade the granite sealer leaving the stone more vulnerable to staining.)

Use bathroom, tub & tile or grout cleaners.
(The powders and even the "soft" creams typically contain abrasives that can scratch and dull *surfaces*.)

Place hot pots, pans, etc. Directly on the countertop surface (The rapid temperature change could crack or damage the stone and extreme or prolonged exposure to heat may damage the sealant.)

Sit or stand on your countertops.
(Unlike laminate countertops, granite, marble and quartz countertops are very hard, but not flexible so too much weight in one spot could cause a crack.)

Place toiletry products directly on your countertop surface.
(Hair products, perfumes, colognes, nail products, creams, lotions and potions may stain granite or etch the polish (on marble) leaving a ring. Protect your countertop by placing these products on a tray.)