

# Natural Stone Care & Maintenance



## Congratulations on your new countertop!

Proper care for your new countertop will help you protect your stone investment for years to come. Below are tips to clean your natural stone countertop.

### Universal Cleaning Tips

- To remove most residues, clean surface with a soft cloth using mild liquid soap and warm water.
- To remove stains, use a soft non-abrasive bristled brush and scrub lightly.
- Using excess amounts of soap/cleaner may leave a film and cause streaks. To remove soap scum, use a non-acidic soap scum remover. Rinse and towel dry.
- To avoid staining, any spills, dirt, grease, or oils should be wiped up quickly to reduce the chance of staining.
- Avoid harsh cleaners and abrasives containing lemon juice or citrus.

### Protection Tips

- Do not place hot items out of the oven or stove directly on the stone surface. Heat generating appliances can cause some stones to discolor or crack. Always protect your countertop by using a trivet or hot pad.
- Avoid chopping or slicing directly on countertop to prevent scratches and dulling your knives.
- Do not stand or sit on countertops. Fissures in stone may cause cracks when excessive weight is applied.
- Depending on stone, it is recommended to re-seal natural stone countertops every 1-2 years.



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