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DAILY CLEANING

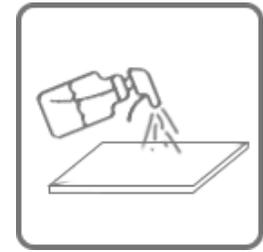
How to clean natural stone:

- Use a mild detergent, such as dish soap and warm water to clean natural stone surfaces. A stone soap may also be used on granite.
- A gentle cloth, one made out of microfiber, for example, should be used to clean the surface.
- The surface should be thoroughly rinsed and dried with clean water after washing.



What cleaning products not to use:

- Harsh chemicals: Vinegar, Windex, bleach, anything containing ammonia, lemon or lime juice. The use of these chemicals will cause the sealant to dull and weaken over time.
- Abrasive cleaners: Dry cleansers and soft cleansers. When using glass stove cleaner on your oven range be mindful of the stone within proximity.

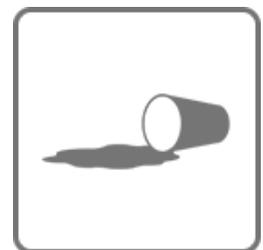


SEALING

Granite countertop sealant will help protect your investment from stains and other normal wear and tear damage. Sealing granite is a very simple project that many homeowners are confident in completing themselves. Below, we have answered the most frequently asked questions when it comes to sealing natural stone surfaces.

Why seal granite countertops?

Once sealed, the natural stone countertop will repel coffee, tea, soda, wine, fruit stains, cooking oil, grease, and body oils. Countertop sealant is a great way to protect your investment and aid in the longevity of your granite countertop.



*Please refer to each manufacturer's website for more information.

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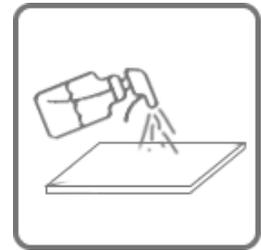
How often should you seal granite countertops?

Most homeowners seal their countertops every 6-12 months, depending on need. Although 12 months is the most common time for reapplication, a simple water test can be performed at any time to determine if reapplication is needed. Simply pour a silver-dollar-sized amount of water on the surface of the stone in a few different locations and allow it to sit for 30-minutes. After 30-minutes you will wipe the surface with a clean cloth. If a dark spot remains, that means the water has penetrated the surface, and reapplication of a sealant is necessary.



What type of sealer should I use?

Make sure you select a good-quality sealer that is meant for granite countertops, also referred to as natural stone surfaces. The sealant should be water-repelling, as well as oil-repelling. We recommend Granite Gold Sealer®.



How do I seal my granite countertop?

We always recommend following the manufactures recommendation for using their product. However, it's as simple as spraying the sealant and using a clean cloth to apply.

REMOVING STAINS FROM GRANITE

-  **Step 1**
Gently remove any loose debris from the stain location
-  **Step 2**
Blot the spill(s), refrain from wiping as it will spread the stain
-  **Step 3**
Flush the area with mild dish soap. The spot will need to be rinsed several times.
-  **Step 4**
Use a microfiber cloth, or other soft material to dry the area completely
-  **Step 5**
Repeat steps 2-4 if the stain remains

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DO'S

- Clean surfaces with mild detergent and warm water or stone soap
- Thoroughly rinse and dry the surface with clean, clear water after washing
- protect surfaces with coasters, trivets, or placemats
- Blot up spills immediately

DONT'S

- Use vinegar, lemon juice, or other cleaners containing acid
- Mix chemicals together unless directions specifically instruct you to do so
- Use abrasive cleaners such as dry cleansers or soft cleansers
- Thoroughly rinse and dry the surface with clean, clear water after washing
- Use cleaners that contain acid such as bathroom cleaners, or tub/tile cleaners

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