



Care & Cleaning for your Granite Countertops

How long will your granite last? Well... Granite has lasted for millions of years!

Daily Cleaning

- Wipe down counters with non-abrasive sponge or damp rag. Spray down with granite cleaner available at your local hardware store or mild dish soap and water. Nothing acidic or abrasive. Dry with a soft rag. (If using soap be sure to wipe down countertops with wet rag to remove any excess soap buildup to prevent dulling or grimy feel)
- Don't use blue windex! Solvents take off the sealer.

Testing the Sealant

- Durability of sealer depends on many factors: stone color, usage, cleaning, etc.
- Water bead test - Drip water onto several areas of the countertops. Water should bead up on the countertop, not soak in. If you notice water absorbing into the countertop, let fully dry and then apply sealer.
- We recommend Dupont Bulletproof sealer which can be purchased from us.
- Apply coat of sealer liberally and evenly over entire surface and let set for 15-30 minutes.
- Remove excess sealer by wiping down countertops with a clean cloth.
- Second coat may be needed for more porous stones.
- If the countertops look hazy, its excess sealer can, you can wipe with very fine steel wool with soap and water.

Removing Stains

- As long as sealing your countertops, stains should not be an issue.
- Marker stains can be removed with acetone or hydrogen peroxide.
- Poultices are also a great way to conquer a stubborn stain. Poultices can be homemade or purchased (we like making our own).
- A mixture of dishwashing liquid, water and white flour to thicken it to paste. This will draw out the stain.
- If you experience an oil stain, poultice will work as well just substitute hydrogen peroxide for the dishwashing liquid and may need to try multiple times.
- Since granite is very thick, it is very hard to deeply stain granite as stains stay at the top so most stains come out in one use of poultice.
- Most of the new cleaners now have a small amount of sealer so you are continuously sealing your countertops.

Be proud of your new granite countertops! They are a wonderful addition to your home & with just little care will last you a lifetime!