

Care and cleaning of granite countertops

They are one of the easiest surfaces to clean, but there are a few rules you must pay attention to. With a little daily attention, your granite countertops will look it's best for years to come. Your granite has been sealed and there should be little or no staining.

daily cleaning

- wash your granite countertop with clean, warm water and dish soap; always use a soft cloth
- thoroughly rinse and dry the surface after washing with soap

removal of dirt and grime

- use only a neutral (pH balanced) product (i.e. Marbamist)
- be sure to avoid any cleaners containing vinegar, lemon, lime or ammonia
- do not use bathroom cleaners or tub & tile cleaners
- do not use abrasives cleaners (i.e. Ajax, Comet or Soft Scrub)

care and precautions

- use coasters under all glasses, particularly those containing alcohol or citrus juices; acids will etch or dull the surface
- do not place hot items directly on the stone surface, use trivets
- placemats should be placed under china, ceramics and silver to prevent scratching
- do not cut directly on, use a cutting board

spills and stains

- blot the spill with a paper towel immediately; wiping the area will spread the the spill
- clean area with water and dish soap, then rinse and dry
- if accidental staining occurs, use a general poultice method of stain removal

when to seal?

- if drops of water fail to bead up, then it's time to re-seal with a water-based stone sealer (probably once every 1-3 years depending on the usage)