



Countertop Cleaning and Care Guide

Proper cleaning and maintenance is the best way to ensure the beauty and longevity of your countertops.

Granite Care Guidelines:

- For every day cleaning use a sponge or dishcloth with warm water
- Blot up spills as quickly as possible. Acidic things like wine, coffee, juice and soda, as well as cooking oils may stain the surface.
- For deep cleaning, a specially formulated natural stone cleanser is recommended. Never use harsh or abrasive bathroom cleansers, windex, vinegar, or lemon juice.
- Use coasters under drinks. Water left on your counter may seep in and leave a stain.
- Never place hot items directly on the countertop.
- Do not sit or stand on your countertops. Doing so may cause them to crack.
- Granite is sealed upon installation. Check your countertop once or twice yearly to see if it needs to be re-sealed. If water does not bead up on the surface, it is time to re-seal. Sealant may be purchased from a home-improvement store and helps to protect your granite from staining.

Quartz Care Guidelines:

- For every day cleaning use a soft sponge or dishcloth with warm water.
- For stubborn or greasy clean-ups use a gentle liquid cleaner or mild dish liquid with warm water. Never use abrasive cleaning
- Never allow your countertop to come in contact with drain cleaners, paint strippers or products containing Hydrofluoric acid, Methylene chloride, Trichloroethylene or any product with a very high or very low PH. These may etch or discolor the surface.
- There is no need to seal your quartz countertop. Sealers cannot penetrate and remain on the surface. Eventually the sealer will start to wear off unevenly in high use areas causing the polish to appear inconsistent.
- Quartz is scorch resistant and under normal conditions is not affected. Always use a trivet or hot pad under heat generating devices (ie crock pots, deep fryers, hot pots and pans or electric skillets). Sudden or rapid change of temperature or sustained heating, especially near edges and cut outs, may create enough thermal expansion energy to cause your countertop to crack. Damage caused by thermal expansion is not covered under warranty.