

GRANITE : CARE & MAINTENANCE

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Granite is a super tough stone that is formed from volcanic magma. Granite has earned a reputation as a great building stone. It ranges in color, but is known for how beautiful it is, especially as a countertop. Each piece is like a unique work of art and also very durable and resists heat.

But still it's a stone after all, therefore requires some care and maintenance.

The easiest way to keep your stone looking great is to avoid certain habits that may damage it. If you utilize the granite care and cleaning procedures that follow for all your countertops . . . no matter what type of stone or surface . . . you will eliminate most potential problems without ever having to think too hard about it or worry that you may be causing damage.

Clean up spills immediately.

Acidic substances like wine, coffee, fruit juice, vinegar, tomato sauce and sodas will not etch granite like they do marble, but they could potentially stain the surface. Cooking oils may also leave a stain if not wiped up.

Clean surface using a sponge or soft cloth.

Using a specially formulated stone cleaner is recommended to keep your tops in the best condition and protect the sealer, but hot water will do for quick clean-ups. Dish soap won't hurt your granite, but repeated or excess use of soap will cause build-up and dull your countertops shine.

Use trivets and hot pads under pots, pans and dinnerware.

Yes, you can take a hot pot off the stove and put it right on granite, quartz or soapstone without any problems. Grit that gets trapped between the pot and the countertop surface may scratch the surface - even granite. Even if it doesn't scratch the surface, hot pots can damage the sealer coating on the granite.

Don't use generic cleaning products such as bleach or glass cleaners. (Windex) These products you buy at your local store contain acids, alkalis and other chemicals that can etch marble and degrade the granite sealer leaving the stone more vulnerable to staining.

Don't use vinegar, ammonia or any oil based product as cleaners.

Don't sit or stand on your countertops.

Unlike laminate countertops, granite, marble and quartz countertops are very hard but not flexible and they DO NOT have plywood backing so too much weight in one spot could cause a crack.

Your granite countertops have been sealed for you. We recommend that you reseal your granite countertops with a water based topical granite sealer. These products are readily available at most building supply stores.