

# Granite

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### DAILY CLEANING

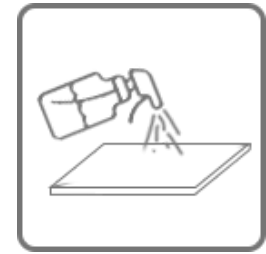
#### How to clean natural stone:

- 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.

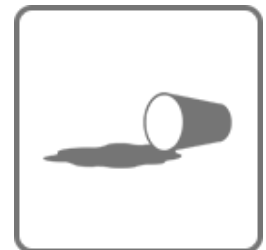


### SEALING

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.



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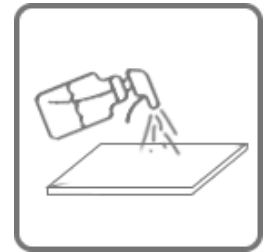
#### How often should you seal granite countertops?

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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