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CARE AND MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES

Natural stone countertops require minimal maintenance. Adhering to the following guidelines will help keep your countertops just as beautiful as the day they were installed.

- Clean all stone surfaces with a neutral cleaner, stone soap, or a mild dishwashing detergent and warm water. Rinse the surface thoroughly after cleaning and dry with a soft cloth.
- Never use abrasive cleaners, such as Comet or Soft Scrub. These cleaners could scratch or dull the surface of the stone.
- Avoid chemical cleaners such as Fantastic or Formula 409. These chemicals could etch and dull the stone.
- Do not use any cleaner which contains ammonia, such as Windex. Ammonia will build up and could leave a film.
- To prevent thermal shock, refrain from setting anything extremely hot or cold directly onto the stone. The use of trivets and cutting boards is always recommended.

Natural stone countertops are sealed with a commercial sealer and color enhancer immediately after installation. It is recommended that you re-seal the stone once per year.

- Granite and marble sealers are readily available at home hardware retail stores.
- Do not use any type of wax.
- Quartz (engineered stone), such as Caesarstone, Color Quartz and Silestone do not require sealer, and are not sealed at installation.

For more information regarding care of natural stone, including removal of stains from specific types of stone, please refer to the Care and Cleaning guidelines produced by the Marble Institute of America, available at www.marble-institute.com.