

Care & Maintenance Instructions

Congratulations on your beautiful new countertops! To keep them looking their best, it's important to follow these care and maintenance instructions:

- **Cleaning:** Use warm water with mild liquid soap and a soft cloth or sponge to clean your countertops. Avoid using abrasive cleaners like bathroom cleaner, vinegar, bleach, or ammonia. Instead, use a pH-neutral cleaner that is safe for stone surfaces. Clean up spills on your countertops right away to reduce the chance of a stain forming.
- **Heat and Scratch Resistance:** Remember that quartz is not as heat resistant, as natural stones are. But it is still recommended to always use a trivet, hot pads, cutting boards, placemats, and coasters for any type of stone to protect the stone surface from discoloration, scratches, cracking, and staining, especially on soft stones like marble and soapstone. Heat-generating appliances must be placed on a trivet or hot pad to allow for airflow under the hot item.
- **Do not stand or sit on your countertops.** This can cause damage to the surface and may even result in cracking or chipping.
- **Sealing:** Apply sealer to granite and quartzite once a year, marble should be sealed more frequently. While sealer can help to protect your stone countertops from stains, it does not guarantee complete protection. It is still important to clean up spills and stains right away to prevent them from penetrating the stone surface. The sealer simply helps to hold the liquid on top of the surface, giving you time to clean it up before it can cause damage.

If you have any additional questions about cleaning and maintaining your countertops, please do not hesitate to reach out to your salesperson at Granite Depot. Our team is always here to help you keep your countertops looking beautiful for years to come!

