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STONE CARE SHEET

Granite-

Do not use any abrasive cleaner, such as Comet.

Do not use S.O.S. pads for they contain natural abrasives that can scratch and dull the surface of your countertop.

Be careful of stoneware plates and jars. If they are rough on the bottom they can scratch the top.

Be careful with coolers and tool boxes that have sand on the bottom. Sand is a natural abrasive.

Oil and grease are the main cause of stains on granites. Clean up spills as soon as possible.

Seal granite with a silicone based impregnator ever 2-3 years, depending on the type of granite and how much it gets used.

Marble and Limestone-

ALL OF THE ABOVE!!!!

Marble is a calcium carbonate. This means that almost anything that is acidic can burn and etch the surface. This includes citrus juice, harsh soaps, Edge shaving gel, white vinegar and nail polish remover.

Honed surfaces do not show the damage as much as polished surfaces do, but the surface is still damaged.

Only use cleaners that are ph 7.5

MAINTENANCE OF YOUR TOPS

There are many cleaners on the market today that are easy, and safe to use, as well as affordable. Most are available at your local hardware stores, or many building centers, such as Menards, and Home Depot.

Most natural stone countertops are damaged by using the wrong cleaner, rather than misuse. For example, 409 leaves a film on the surface of the stone that is difficult to remove.

Some very good products available locally, for daily, weekly or monthly use are;

- Gel Gloss
- Counter Gloss, made by Gel Gloss
- Caranauba Car Wax

There are many other products available at your local hardware stores. These products provide a sacrificial skin, to protect the stone. These products will also keep the sealer working longer.

Sealers for polished stones are actually impregnators. They protect the stone, while allowing the stone to breath. These are usually silicone based sealers. Sealers for honed, acid washed, or flamed stones are petroleum based sealers. These sealers seal off the surface completely, not letting anything to penetrate the surface.

Please note that all stones are different. Some stones are harder than others, and some stones are more porous than others. Please ask your stone supplier specifics about the material you have chosen.

Sincerely,

Dave Grueschow
President

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