

How To Care For Your Natural Stone Countertop

DAILY CARE

Do wipe counters off frequently to remove debris

Do blot up spills as quickly as possible

Do wash with stone soap, mild dish soap, or a pH neutral cleaner

Do dry counters thoroughly after cleaning or spills

Don't use abrasive substances to clean counters

Don't use vinegar or lemon juice to clean

Don't use harsh cleansers (bathroom cleaners or grout cleaners)

Get into the habit of

Using coasters under drinks—even water left on your countertop can seep into the porous stone and leave behind a stain

Using trivets or mats under anything that could potentially scratch the surface

Keeping alcohol away from counters—alcohol is not pH neutral and will mark your counter

Never placing hot items right on the stone surface

ANNUAL CARE

Your natural stone countertop will resist stains and daily use better if you seal it regularly. There are two types of sealer you can use on your countertops:



Penetrating/Impregnating Sealer-

Recommendation: Stonetech Impregnator Pro Sealer

Purchase: <https://laticrete.com/en/tile-and-stone-care-and-maintenance/stonetech-protect/stonetech-impregnator-pro-sealer>

This sealer lets the natural beauty of your polished or honed countertop shine through. It does not add any extra shine to your countertop. Some sealers are water-based and others are solvent-based. Either way, be sure to select a penetrating sealer that is rated to protect your countertop for several years. Though most high-quality sealers protect your counter for several years, natural stone experts recommend sealing every year or two.



Color enhancing stone Sealer-

Recommendation: Tenax Ager Tiger color enhancing sealer

Purchase: <https://www.tenax4you.com/250-ml-exotic-stone-enhancer-sealer-p/1mpa001bg40.htm>

Color enhancing stone sealers do everything a penetrating sealer does but adds a cosmetic factor to the job. Enhancers darken the stone to bring out the natural colors and patterns in the stone, much the same way wetting a stone does. They brighten up older countertops and keep newer countertops as beautiful as the day they were installed. Select a sealer that is rated to protect countertops for several years. Most stone experts suggest resealing annually or every two years.

Applying Sealer

Always consult manufacturer directions for proper use of a specific product.

Here are our general usage guidelines.

- Give the countertop a thorough cleaning with denatured alcohol. This will help eliminate oil residue/build up
- Dry it completely
- Apply sealer with a terry cloth rag, or washcloth.
- Work in small areas, no larger than 3sqft. This will ensure you are able to wipe up excess sealer before it begins to dry and gum up. If excess sealer is left unattended, it will gum up and need to be removed with denatured alcohol, and the sealing process restarted.
- Sealer manufacturers recommend varied amounts of time for sealer penetration, but we recommend staying around the 5–10-minute mark, to avoid excess sealer from drying out.
- Apply a second coat of sealer if desired