



Care and Maintenance

Natural stone, with care and maintenance you can keep it looking beautiful. Our recommendations for routine care and cleaning as well as spot treatment for the removal of stains techniques.

Protecting marble and other natural stones against etching and staining takes effort. Many foods and drinks contain acids that will etch or dull the surfaces. Especially those containing alcohol or citrus. Example: Citrus, vinegar, and tomato will etch marble, don't let them sit on the stone. Use coasters and cutting boards. **Wipe up spills immediately.**

Also, do not place hot items directly on the stone surface.

Natural stones like marble, it is a porous material that can absorb spills and stains if not treated immediately. Sealing repels staining agents but doesn't make marble stain proof. Though should talk to your fabricator to determine which sealant is right for you. We recommend Stone Tech professional Bullet Proof from DuPont.

Avoid using acidic or abrasive cleaners. Always use a neutral cleaner especially for natural stone will work better in removing soil, dirt. Clean your natural stone on a regular basis with warm water and a clean nonabrasive sponge, cloth or mop.

REGULAR MAINTENANCE:

- Countertops should be seal regularly. When the water fails to bead up it is time to re-seal. Sealing will prevent stains, damage and will keep your Natural Stone looking beautiful for years to come.

SPOT TREATMENTS

- To remove stubborn stains, use a poultice paste. Spread it onto the stain, then cover with plastic wrap sealed with painters tape. Once it's dry (12 to 24 hours). Scrape the paste off and wipe with a damp cloth. For deep set stains you may call a professional.
- Or Consult with your fabricator.



DO's and DON'Ts for Natural Stone

- **DO** clean up spills immediately to minimize damage to your stone.
- **DO** use trivets or mats under hot dishes and cookware.
- **DO** use place mats under china, ceramics, silver and other objects that can scratch the stone's surface.
- **DO** use coasters under glasses, especially if they contain alcohol or citrus juices.
- **DO** clean surfaces regularly with StoneTech™ Professional Revitalizer™ Cleaner & Protector. (highly recommended)
- **DO** use a tray for toiletry products in the bathroom to protect the surface from the damaging chemicals contained in many toiletry products.
- **DO** dust or mop marble floor tile regularly.
- **DO** use door mats inside and out.
- **DON'T** wait to clean up spills on natural stone.
- **DON'T** use cleaners that contain acid such as bathroom cleaners, grout cleaners or tub cleaners.
- **DON'T** use vinegar, bleach, ammonia or other general-purpose cleaners.
- **DON'T** use abrasive cleaners such as dry cleansers or soft cleansers.
- **DON'T** use alkaline cleaners not specifically formulated for stone.
- **DON'T** use scouring powders and abrasives because they will scratch the surface.
- **DON'T** Place toiletry products directly on the countertop surface.