

# Cleaning Tips for Granite & Other Natural Stones

## **Cleaning Tips For Granite.**

Clean granite with a soft white cloth and a neutral cleaner or household detergent such as Dove. Household cleaning products including Windex (without Ammonia), Lysol Disinfectant and 409 can be used, but may leave a film. A solution of vinegar and water (1:10 vinegar to water) works great to remove streaking, smudges, and body oil on granite.

Spills should be wiped up immediately. Blot the spill with a clean paper towel. If the countertop stains, a poultice may need to be applied. See the Stain Removal guidelines that follow. Use the flat side of a razor blade for removing stuck on tape residue, dried paint, glue, dried food, etc.

Use #0000 or finer steel wool to remove dried water spots, smudges, hazy areas, and for general cleaning to bring out the shine. Do not use the steel wool wet. Use a pencil eraser to remove aluminum trails.

## **Cleaning Tips For Other Natural Stone.**

Marble, limestone, travertine, soapstone and onyx should be cleaned using products specifically designed for natural stone. Always test products in a small, inconspicuous area first to see how it reacts with the stone. Using household cleaning products on these stones will damage them.

## **Sealing Granite and Other Natural Stones**

Granite countertops are generally sealed at the time of fabrication. Resealing is up to the individual. Manufacturers of impregnators recommend countertops to be sealed from yearly to every 4 year, or longer, depending on the application, the sensitivity of the individual, and the type of stone. Granite impregnators, cleaners and disinfectants are available for purchase at our showrooms.

Stone like marble, limestone, travertine and soapstone need to be sealed more often within the first 6 months to year of installation. Use a Porous Plus or Seal and Enhance for better protection. Contact your installer for more detailed information relating to your specific stone.

For more detailed information on how to seal your natural stone, please contact your fabricator.

## **Don'ts**

Do not use acid-based cleaners such as rust removers, sterling silver cleaners, etc., and do not place rags saturated with acid based cleaners on the countertop

Do not use any cleaners containing Hydrofluoric Acid

Do not use strong abrasive cleaners such as Comet or Soft Scrub

Do not leave spills on the countertop for prolonged periods of time.