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Care and Maintenance of Natural Stone

Natural stone surfaces are very durable. With proper care and maintenance the stone's beauty will be enjoyed for many years.

Do

-Clean surface with a soft cloth, warm water, and a mild dish detergent or stone soap daily. Thoroughly rinse, and then dry with a clean cloth. Anti-bacterial cleaners are safe when used properly.

-Clean spills immediately as natural stone is porous and can absorb liquids. Oils, wines, and citrus are particularly harmful.

-Use coasters and placemats to help protect the stone from spills.

Don't

-Sit, stand, or walk on natural stone countertops as they will crack.

-Use cleaners that contain acids such as bathroom or toilet bowl cleaners. Abrasive cleaners should not be used as they can etch the surface.

-Use a dirty dish cloth as it will streak and leave a film on the surface. Excessive use of cleaners will also cause the same effect.

-Use products with lemon or vinegar as they can dull the surface.

Extras

Seal natural stone as needed to maintain its beauty. There is a simple test to determine if your stone needs to be re-sealed: Pour a quarter-size drop of clean, filtered water on your stone and let sit for 20 minutes. If the stone absorbs the water, then it is time to re-seal your stone. Stone sealants are available at your local home improvement store, or you may contact SMG for further assistance.

Surface stains can often be removed by cleaning with an appropriate household product. Old or stubborn stains may require using a poultice or calling in a professional.

We carry a patented 3-in-1 spray that cleans, polishes, and protects the surfaces. This product is available only to the trade and can be purchased at our office.

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