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CARE AND MAINTENANCE – Natural Stone

In most cases, stone counter tops are not very easy to repair. To avoid having problems with your stone material, be sure to follow these guidelines to prevent any permanent damages:

- Avoid exposing your stone counter tops to strong chemicals and solvents, such as paint removers, oven cleaners, grout cleaners, acidic substances, abrasive cleaners and stains of any kind for a long period of time. If contact occurs, quickly flush the surface with water and wipe dry.
- Avoid cleaners with ammonia, bleach, vinegar or acidic substances as these will discolor or dissolve the finish of your stone.
- **Do Not** cut directly on your stone counter top. This can cause deep and permanent scratches to appear.
- To prevent staining, we recommend that you re-seal your countertops every 1 to 2 years unless you have purchased 15 year premium sealer.
- Avoid directly dropping heavy or sharp objects on your countertops.
- Avoid flame or applying heat directly to your stone countertops.
- Wet blotches and watermarks tend to show more on light color stone surfaces – these eventually disappear once the moisture has dried up.

CLEANING AND SEALING RECOMMENDATIONS

Your stone countertops are very easy to clean. Common household products will keep your stone looking beautiful for a long time.

RECOMMENDED CLEANERS

- Soapy water
- Non-abrasive cleaners with no ammonia, bleach or vinegar content
- Surface cleaners approved for use on natural stone
- Use fine steel wool #000 and water to remove hard food residue

RECOMMENDED SEALERS

- Top Line Sealer
- Stain-Proof® Premium Sealer with 15 year warranty (at extra cost)

Although your counter top has been sealed by Top Line Company, please apply Top Line Granite Sealer (or a suitable substitute) within the first two weeks.