



Thank you for choosing Canaan Stone Works. We would like to share some general care and maintenance procedures to keep your new install looking great! Your new install was treated with a sealer before installation. Ordinary use of countertops will generate a need for resealing. We suggest resealing annually. Remember, we are always a phone call away should you need further assistance.
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General Care and Cleaning

Countertops

Clean surfaces with a few drops of neutral cleaner, stone soap (available at hardware stores or from your stone dealer), or a mild liquid dishwashing detergent and warm water.

Vanity Top Surfaces

Vanity tops may need to have a penetrating sealer applied. A good quality marble wax or non-yellowing automobile paste wax can be applied to minimize spotting.

Food Preparation Areas

In food preparation areas, the stone may need to have a penetrating sealer applied. Be sure the sealer used is a non-toxic and safe for use in food preparation areas.

Damage or Irregularities

Etch Marks

Etch marks are caused by acids left on the surface of the stone. Some materials will etch the finish but not leave a stain. Others will both etch and stain. Once the stain has been removed, wet the surface with clear water and sprinkle on marble polishing powder, available from a hardware or lapidary store, or your local stone dealer. Rub the powder onto the stone with a damp cloth or by using a buffing pad with a low-speed power drill. Continue buffing until the etch mark disappears and the surface shines.

Efflorescence

Efflorescence is a white powder that may appear on the surface of the stone. It is caused by water carrying minerals salts from below the surface of the stone, rising through the stone, and evaporating. When the water evaporates, it leaves the powdery substance. If the installation is new, dust mop or vacuum the powder. DO NOT use water to remove the powder; it will only temporarily disappear. If the problem persists, contact your installer to help identify and remove the cause of the moisture.

Scratches and Nicks

Slight surface scratches may be buffed out with dry 0000 steel wool. Deeper scratches and nicks in the surface of the stone should be repaired and re-polished by a professional.

Stains

Inevitably, stains will happen. Minimize the extent of stains by blotting spills up immediately. Don't wipe the area, it will spread the spill. Flush the area with plain water and mild soap and rinse several times. Dry thoroughly with a soft cloth. If a stain remains, refer to the chart that follows.

How to Treat Stains on Granite		
Stain	Treatment	How to Use
Most Stains	1 cup flour, 1-2 T dishwashing soap, create a thick paste by mixing with water.	Apply to stain, cover overnight with plastic wrap. In the morning scrape mixture with wooden utensil and rinse stain.
Oil Based	1 cup flour, 1-2 T mild hydrogen peroxide, form a thick paste by mixing with water.	Apply to stain, cover overnight with plastic wrap. In the morning, scrape mixture with wooden utensil and rinse stain.
Organic	Combine 12 percent hydrogen peroxide with 2-3 drops of ammonia	This should help to remove stains like coffee, tea, juice & cosmetics.
Ink on Dark Granite	Lacquer thinner or acetone	Apply to stain, rinse well.
Ink on Light Granite	Hydrogen peroxide	Apply to stain, rinse well.
Wine	Make a paste of molding plaster and liquid bleach.	Apply to stain for 30 minutes, scrape away with wooden utensil, rinse stain.

Dos and Do Nots to Remember

- DO Clean surfaces with mild detergent or stone soap.
- DO Thoroughly rinse and dry the surface after washing
- DO Blot up spills immediately

- DO NOT Use vinegar, lemon juice or other cleaners containing acids on marble, limestone, travertine or onyx surfaces
- DO NOT Use cleaners that contain acids such as bathroom cleaners, grout cleaners, bathroom cleaners, or tub & tile cleaners
- DO NOT Use abrasive cleaners such as dry cleansers or soft cleansers
- DO NOT Mix bleach and ammonia; this combination creates a toxic and lethal gas
- DO NOT Mix chemicals together unless directions specifically instruct you to do so