

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CARE OF GRANITE COUNTERTOPS



GRANITE is an extremely durable material and will bring a lifetime of beauty to your home. In kitchen use, hot dishes and pans from the oven or stove will not damage a granite countertop. Also, cutting on a granite countertop with kitchen cutlery will not scratch or damage the surface (although it will dull the cutlery). However, any material that is harder than the stone (e.g. sand, diamonds) may scratch the surface.

SEALING: Granite is a very dense material and will repel stains when properly sealed with an impregnating sealer. We will apply an initial coat of sealer to your polished or honed granite surface at installation.

RESEALING: We recommend the re-application of an impregnating sealer every 6 months to a year, although you may wish to seal heavily used areas more often. Rumford Stone carries a full line of impregnating sealers at our showroom.

DAILY MAINTENANCE: Granite is very easy to care for. Any cleaner specially designed for natural stone, applied with a soft cloth, is the preferred choice for cleaning your granite. Rumford Stone carries a full line of disinfectant & cleaning products specially formulated for stone surfaces at our showrooms. Otherwise, non-soap cleansers should be used to minimize streaking and filming. Clear glass and surface cleaners are an acceptable choice for cleaning your granite. Avoid the use of powder or soft cream cleansers on polished surfaces. Also, avoid the use of cleaners with added phosphorous or bleach and products such as Scotch-Brite pads.

STAINS: If counters are properly sealed once or twice a year, they should resist stains. Some materials such as rust, oil, ink, coffee or cosmetics may cause a stain if allowed prolonged contact with an unsealed surface. Most stains will dissipate over time, but can be avoided by keeping the stone's surface clean and using coasters under cooking oils or other liquids stored on the countertop.

ETCHING: Rarely, some materials, especially those containing acids (e.g. citrus juices, vinegar), may etch the surface of the stone. This is more common with softer materials than granite, but can be avoided on all materials by keeping the stone's surface clean.

CAULKING: When your countertop is installed by Rumford Stone, we will caulk all transitions where stone meets stone or stone meets wood. However, because there are so many backsplash-finishing materials available, we do not caulk areas where the stone meets the wall. If you wish to caulk this area we recommend using a quality, paintable caulking material, tested first on an inconspicuous area of stone.