

ABOUT GRANITE



CHARACTER

Durable. Heat Resistant. Needs Minimal Care.

Granite is an extremely durable material and will bring a lifetime of beauty to your home.

In the kitchen - Hot dishes and pans from the oven or stove will not damage a granite countertop. 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.

PROTECTION

Sealing - Granite is a very dense material and will repel stains when properly sealed with an impregnating sealer. We will apply a 15-year sealer to your polished or honed granite surface at installation.

Resealing - For jobs installed before 2022, we recommend the re-application of an impregnating sealer every 6-12 months, although you may wish to seal heavily used areas more often. Rumford Stone carries a full line of impregnating sealers at our showroom.

DAILY CARE

Cleaners - Cleaners designed for natural stone, applied with a soft cloth is recommended. Clear glass and surface cleaners are an acceptable choice for cleaning your granite. Rumford Stone carries cleaning products specially formulated for stone surfaces at our showroom.

Avoid - Cleaners with added phosphorous or bleach and products such as Scotchbrite® pads.

Note - Non-soap cleansers should be used to minimize streaking and filming.

BE AWARE

Stains - Counters that are properly sealed once or twice a year 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.

NOTE:

Caulking - When your countertop is installed, 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.