

Natural Stone is a durable material that is virtually maintenance free and requires very little care. By following some guidelines below, your countertops will last a lifetime while retaining its natural beauty and appearance.

Sealing:

All natural stone should be sealed with a penetrating sealer. McKenzie Stone & Tile will seal your stone countertops at the time of installation. This aids in the prevention of staining and bacterial growth. Sealer does not guaranty that staining will not occur but will increase your time for cleanup before it breaks through the sealer. We recommend that you perform a simple test that will show if your countertop is ready for a maintenance sealer. Sprinkle water drops on the countertop, the water should bead on the surface. If it does not bead, it's time to reseal. Sealers should be pH-neutral. Ask your project coordinator about sealers available in our showroom that are appropriate for your stone.

Cleaning:

Clean your stone countertops with cleaners that are pH-neutral. To avoid water streaks, make sure that you wipe completely dry with a soft cloth. Do not use common household cleaners, or anything containing lemon or vinegar. To clean lime build up around your faucets, do not use lime removal products; gently scrape the lime off with a straight razor. Ask your project coordinator about cleaners available in our showroom that are appropriate for your stone.

Stains:

The best way to avoid a stain is to quickly blot the spill with a paper towel or soft cloth immediately, (do not wipe, this will only spread the spill). Flush area with warm water and mild liquid dish soap, rinse several times. Dry area thoroughly with a soft cloth; if necessary, repeat the process. The biggest culprit for staining is cooking oil or oil based products. Make sure not to store bottles of oil directly on your granite. If the stain remains, contact our office for more information on how to remove it.