



## How to Care for Your Natural Stone Countertops

### Cleaning Instructions

- Our best recommendation for cleaning your countertops is warm soapy water. (Ex: Dawn dish soap, any but a citrus scent, with warm water.)
- If you prefer to use a cleaning product, there are a few safe options: Method Granite & Marble Cleaner, Pledge Multi-Surface (Non Citrus), Glass Cleaner (Ammonia Free)
- Products not recommended: Bleach, Ammonia, Vinegar, Citrus Extracts, Abrasives (Scouring Powders, Brillo/S.O.S. Pads)

### Sealing Instructions

- Clean countertops well with diluted de-natured alcohol. (Can be found at any hardware store)
- Apply sealant, provided by Superior Granite or a silicone impregnator, to a soft dry cloth and wipe onto entire counter surface. (a little goes a long way)
- Wait 10 minutes and wipe off with dry cloth
- We recommend sealing granite annually, marble & calcite semi-annually. The stone will absorb what is needed, leaving the rest to be wiped off.

### Granite & Quartzite Care

- You can safely place items from your oven/ stove top or grill directly on the granite without a trivet or hot pad. **WARNING:** Due to the extreme temperature differences, hot glass dishes may crack when placed on the cool surface of the granite; this is known as thermal shock. For this reason alone glass or Pyrex dishes should be placed on a trivet or hot pad.
- You can cut directly on your granite countertops, but be mindful that it will dull your knives. The stone will be left unscathed.
- Because granite is a natural stone, it is porous. This means that it's possible for the surface to be stained. To prevent this from happening, make sure all spills are wiped up immediately and the granite is sealed properly.

### Marble, Calcite, Dolomite, & Travertine Care

- Do not place items from your oven/ stove top or grill directly on the countertop without a trivet or hot pad.
- Do not cut directly on your calcite or marble countertops as it can scratch or damage the surface.
- Because calcite and marble is a natural stone, it is porous. This means that it's possible for the surface to be stained or etched. To prevent this from happening, make sure all spills are wiped up immediately and the calcite/marble is sealed properly. **NOTE: Alcoholic drinks and citrus extracts can etch the surface of calcite. Superior Granite is not responsible for surface etching of Calcite after installation.** Should your countertops become etched you can purchase a repair kit from the following web address: <http://www.lustroitaliano.com/Default.asp>