

Natural stone countertops, such as granite, marble, and quartzite, add beauty and elegance to any home. However, they require special care and maintenance to keep them looking their best. Here is a care and maintenance guide for natural stone countertops:

1. **Clean spills immediately:** Natural stone is porous, which means it can absorb liquids and stains. Clean up spills immediately with a soft cloth and mild soap and water. Avoid using acidic or abrasive cleaners, which can damage the stone's surface.
2. **Use a cutting board:** Avoid cutting directly on your natural stone countertop. Use a cutting board instead to prevent scratches and damage to the stone.
3. **Use hot pads and coasters:** Hot pots and pans can cause thermal shock to natural stone, leading to cracks and damage. Use hot pads and coasters to protect your countertop from heat.
4. **Seal regularly:** Natural stone countertops need to be sealed regularly to protect against stains and damage. The frequency of sealing depends on the type of stone and how often the countertop is used. Check with the sealer manufacturer for recommendations on the best sealant and frequency of application.
5. **Avoid harsh chemicals:** Avoid using harsh chemicals or cleaners on your natural stone countertop. Acidic or abrasive cleaners can damage the stone's surface and cause it to lose its shine. Use a pH-neutral cleaner designed specifically for natural stone.
6. **Use a soft cloth:** Use a soft cloth or sponge to clean your natural stone countertop. Avoid using abrasive scrubbers or steel wool, which can scratch the surface.
7. **Wipe up water:** After cleaning your countertop, be sure to wipe up any excess water to prevent water spots or stains.
8. **Use coasters:** Use coasters or mats under glasses, bottles, and cans to protect your natural stone countertop from scratches and stains.
9. **Be cautious with acidic foods:** Acidic foods, such as citrus fruits, vinegar, and wine, can etch natural stone and cause damage. Wipe up spills immediately and avoid placing acidic foods directly on the countertop.

By following these care and maintenance tips, you can keep your natural stone countertop looking beautiful and elegant for years to come.

ATTENTION!

Undermount Sinks Notice: Undermount sinks are attached to the countertop with silicone sealant. Your plumber should verify the silicone sealant has cured adequately before mounting garbage disposals, plumbing drains, etc.

It is recommended to use extreme caution and waiting at least 24 hours from time of sink installation before making plumbing connections.

Failure to give adequate cure time for sealant, or lack of caution on the plumber's part, may cause sinks to shift or break loose from the countertop.

