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Granite Cleaning and Care:

Do's

Keeping your granite dry, free of dust and sandy soil will minimize the scratches and wear patterns that can develop from everyday use. Dust your new countertops regularly to remove loose soil and dust.

Clean the natural stone on a regular basis with mild soap and warm water using a clean, non-abrasive cloth. In addition, you may use a neutral cleaner specifically formulated for natural stone.

For a long lasting finish granite and marble should be treated at regular intervals. Please visit this website; <http://www.marble-institute.com/consumers/care.cfm> for recommended cleaning, polishing and sealing information. Honed finishes, and other installed natural stones care information can be obtained. However we do not recommend such surfaces to be used in a kitchen environment.

Don'ts

POROSITY IN GRANITE: Granite surfaces can stain and are not impervious to damage. However they can easily last a life time if properly cared for.

Care must be taken to ensure any spilt substance are cleaned up immediately such as cigarettes, hot oil, lemon juice, wine, detergents, alcohol and acidic or alkaline substances. Remember, stones cannot be rendered impervious to all marking and staining.

Never pour bleach on the countertops, you will ruin the stone. Do not use general household cleaners such as 409, cleaners containing bleach or ammonia, or even Windex. You will remove the sealer and damage the stone.

Do not use cleaners containing lemon, vinegar or other acids, as they will etch the stone and damage the polish. Do not use scouring powders or creams they contain abrasives that will dull and scratch the surface.

Some flexing can occur on unsupported joints which can result in them opening and repairs may be necessary at the owner's expense. However this can be avoided by not applying heavy pressure like standing on their stone surfaces.

Hitting any stone or surface with something blunt and heavy and the chances are it will crack. Granite is no different. Suggested use of a cutting board as a preparation area will prevent a number of issues and concerns. Please take care not to drop heavy objects onto its surface.