



Congratulations!

Your new natural stone purchase is an investment in lasting beauty that will give you many years of wear. This guide gives you a few tips on how to properly care for your natural stone and help extend its life and beauty. Following some simple precautions, properly sealing, and using the correct cleaning methods and products, will insure you a lifetime of use from your natural stone.

Maintenance of your Natural Stone

A common concern many people have when purchasing natural stone is maintenance. EcoStone Solutions can solve these problems with our easy to use products. Stone Care maintenance should not be a concern as it generally requires the same amount of care as any other floor or countertop surface. You need to perform preventive maintenance on all your stone surfaces because an ounce of prevention is much easier than a restoration project, and much less expensive.

Countertops

Granite has become the most popular decorative surface in the kitchen. Granite is an attractive and durable natural material but is susceptible to staining as it ranges from slightly porous to very porous. To protect all granite surfaces from staining, we recommend our Granite Impregnator. When applied properly, Granite does not leave a surface coating that could affect food preparation and it will not change the natural appearance of the granite. For routine cleaning, we recommend Clean Stone Plus, which is safe enough to use daily on granite, tile and other countertop masonry surfaces.

Floors

Typically we find travertine, marble or limestone used on our floors. The accumulation of dirt and grit can damage these natural stone surfaces. To minimize wear, sweep or dust surfaces frequently and use mats at all entrances and under areas subject to high traffic conditions.

Because the porosity of these flooring materials can lead to staining, we recommend you protect these surfaces with our Travertine & Marble Impregnator. After the floors are swept or dust mopped, use diluted Clean Stone to damp mop these surfaces to return them to their natural attractive appearance.

Bathrooms

Marble and granite attract soap scum, just like ceramic and porcelain tile. Keep a squeegee available for shower walls, and clean all stone surfaces regularly with Kleen Stone Plus to keep them protected. Use Basic Impregnator in showers to protect against staining.

Tile

Ceramic and porcelain tile generally do not need to be protected, but the grout does. Protect with Basic Impregnator, which is easy to use, and cost effective. When your grout needs a thorough cleaning, use Big Time Grout Cleaner. Maintain with Kleen Stone or Kleen Stone Plus for additional protection.



DOS AND DON'TS



- **DO** use coasters under glasses, especially if they contain alcohol or citrus juices
- **DO** use trivets or mats under hot dishes or cookware
- **DO** use place mats under china, ceramics, silver or other objects that may scratch your stone's surface.
- **DO** place a small rug or mat at entryways to trap dirt and sand from normal foot traffic.
- **DO** dust countertops, islands, vanities and floors frequently.
- **DO** blot up spills immediately to minimize permanent damage to the stone.
- **DO** clean surfaces by wiping with clean water or by using EcoStone Solutions KleenStone Plus.
- **DON'T** use vinegar, bleach, ammonia or other general-purpose cleaners.
- **DON'T** use cleaners that contain acid such as bathroom cleaners, grout cleaners or tub and tile cleaners.
- **DON'T** use abrasive cleaners such as dry cleansers or soft cleansers.
- **DON'T** use alkaline cleaners not specifically formulated for natural stone.