

Natural Granite

Care and Maintenance Guidelines

NATURAL GRANITE DISCLAIMER

Granite is a coarse grained crystalline igneous rock composed primarily of quartz and feldspar. It forms from slowly cooling magma that is subjected to extreme pressures deep beneath the earth's surface. Because it is a natural material, it is subject to variation in mineral composition affecting color, flecks, and other aspects of appearance.

Sample chips will vary, to some degree, from actual product. No two granite or Italian marble pieces are alike – making each natural stone vanity top a beautiful, one of a kind masterpiece.

HANDLE WITH CARE

The weight of a granite or Italian marble vanity top is heavier than that of a cultured marble vanity top. Please address safety and handling issues for lifting, loading and unloading accordingly.

Also notable is the size and the composition of the quartz deposits within each granite top. The smaller the quartz count, the more dense the material and therefore the stronger the product is. All granite is fragile. Blue Butterfly has a naturally higher quartz count, making it a more fragile product than other granites. Special care must be taken in handling all natural stone tops.

Each top will have a HEAVY/FRAGILE sticker on the outside of the carton. This should act as an immediate identifier for anyone who handles the product.

CLEANING

- Clean stone surfaces with a few drops of non-acidic soap scum remover, or a mild liquid dishwashing detergent.
- Frequent or over-use of soap scum remover could result in dulling the surface of the stone.
- Thoroughly rinse and dry the surface after washing.
- Too much cleaner or soap may leave a film and cause streaks.
- Blot up spills immediately.
- Do not use products that contain lemon, vinegar or other acid content that may etch the surface.
- Do not use abrasive cleaners such as dry cleaners or soft cleansers.
- Do not use cleaners that contain acids such as bathroom cleaners, grout cleaners, or tile cleaners.
- Do not mix bleach and ammonia, this combination creates a toxic and lethal gas.

SPILLS AND STAINS

Blot the spill with a paper towel immediately. Don't wipe the area, this will spread the spill. Flush the area with plain water and mild soap and rinse several times. Dry the area thoroughly with a soft cloth. Repeat as necessary.

Identifying the type of stain on the stone surface is the key to removing it. If you do not know what caused the stain, review your options. Where is the stain located? Is it near a plant, an area where cosmetics are used? What color is it? What is the shape or pattern? What goes on in the area around the stain?

Note: Contact Stone Care International (SCI) for stain removal. 1-800-839-1654

SEALING THE GRANITE TOP

Most stones, once protected, will be easy to clean, and you may want to try just warm water at first to give you the results you need: towel dry to remove streaks. We recommend you re-seal your product thirty to sixty days after installing it with a Stone Care International granite sealer. With every stone vanity top is a care procedure that explains in detail the sealer process. Pour the sealer on the granite countertop and allow the sealer to absorb into the granite and then wipe off.

Call your customer service agent for problems that appear too difficult to treat.