

Natural Stone Care & Maintenance – Benchtops & Tiles

All Natural stones like Marble, Granite, Quartzite, Dolomite, Limestone & Travertine are naturally formed with different kinds of natural mineral composition. Natural stones will react differently to cleaning products based on mineral composition in the stone. So, test small area before using any product for 1st time. Basic rule of cleaning all natural stone is use soft cloth and pH neutral household liquid detergent or recommended cleaning product to wipe benchtops.

Benchtops

All natural stone benchtops must be sealed with high quality impregnating stain proof sealer. Sealing does not make the stone completely stain proof, but it makes the stone more stain resistant. Surface sealer should be regularly maintained/ reapplied every few years based on usage, wear and tear. If a sealer is applied on food preparation areas, be sure that it is safe for use on food preparation surfaces. Once the surface is sealed, use sealer manufacturer recommending cleaning products or pH neutral cleaners for everyday cleaning.

Spills on Natural Stone

Blot the spill with a paper towel/cloth immediately. Don't wipe the area, it will spread the spill. Flush the area with water and neutral cleaner or stone safe cleaner and rinse several times. Dry the area thoroughly with a soft cloth. Repeat as necessary.

Outdoor Pool & Patio Areas

In outdoor pool, patio or hot tub areas flush with clear water and use a stone shampoo (Dry treat Alkaline Cleaner, Daily floor Cleaner) to remove Oil, Mold, Food and beverages.

Do & Don'ts

- Do use coaster's under all glasses, particularly those containing alcohol or citrus juices/natural acids. Most of the common foods and drinks contain acids that could etch or dull the stone surface.
- Do dust & mop floors frequently
- Do clean surfaces with mild/eco-friendly detergent or stone shampoo
- Do thoroughly rinse and dry the surface after washing
- Do blot up spills immediately to avoid etching or stain marks
- Do protect floor surfaces with non-slip mats or area rugs & countertop surfaces with coaster, trivets or placemats
- Don't use vinegar, lemon juice or other cleaners containing acids on natural stone surfaces
- Don't use cleaners that contain acid.
- Do not use scouring powders or creams; these products contain abrasives that may scratch the surface.
- Do not use steel wool, sandpaper or cleaners containing grit or abrasives on natural stone surfaces.
- Do not place boiling hot items directly on the natural stone surface. Use trivets or mats under hot dishes and placemats under bone China, ceramics, silver or other objects that can cause scratches to the surface.
- Sealer Manufacturers offer performance warranty when their product applied by an accredited applicator and surface maintained regularly. Contact sealer manufacturer for more information.



Recommended Sealers:

Lithofin MN Stain-Stop (Solvent based)

Lithofin MN Stain-Stop >W< (water based)

Dry Treat Stain Proof

Recommended Cleaners:

Lithofin Easy Clean – Kitchen benchtops

Dry Treat – Daily Countertop Cleaner

DryTreat Daily Floor Cleaner

If you require advice or further information about these instructions, please call us on 03 9077 5880

Disclaimer: This information should be considered as informal and non-binding. The products must be used according to local conditions and materials. Product manufacturer instructions must be read carefully and followed closely. Always test the product in an inconspicuous area.