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# NATURAL STONE CLEANING & CARE

## CLEANING

To maintain the look of natural stone we recommend the following care and precautions

### ✓ DO

- Blot up spills immediately (even if it is only water)
- Clean surfaces with warm water or stone cleaner appropriate for the stone type
- Buff-dry surfaces using a cotton cloth or a chamois
- Put coasters under all drinks
- Use protective pads under heavy ornaments/accessories
- Use placemats under plates, stands/pads below hot dishes
- Keep acidic substances like lemon juice, vinegar, and wine away from natural stone surfaces, as they can etch and dull the finish
- Rotate decorative items periodically to ensure even exposure and prevent uneven fading

### ✗ DO NOT

- Do not use acidic cleaners (vinegar, lemon spray)
- Do not apply abrasive cleaners, powders, or creams
- Do not sit, stand, or place heavy weight on the stone
- Do not place stone in areas with extreme temperature changes which can expand and contract to the stone, leading to cracks
- Do not place stone in prolonged exposure to direct sunlight which can cause fading or discoloration

## SEALER

Many stones do not require sealing, however applying an impregnating sealer is a common practice. Sealing the stone does not make the stone stain proof, it makes it more resistant to staining and allows more time to wipe up spills before it penetrates the surface. If a sealer is applied in a food preparation area, be sure that it is non-toxic and safe for use. Consult with a stone expert before applying sealer.