

# CARING FOR YOUR NATURAL STONE

Natural stone is a very durable surface but will need some care. Do not be afraid to enjoy your beautiful stone but be sensible about cleaning and every day use and care. Listed below are some hints and general information about caring for your stone. Your natural stone has been sealed by Michael Paul's Natural Stone during the installation. MPNS recommends GranQuartz 113M Countertop Cleaner/Polisher/Protector cleaner spray for occasional maintenance (can be purchased from MPNS). The spray should be used once a month or every six weeks just as an extra precaution in cleaning. Lightly spray the surface and then buff with a white cotton cloth. If the surface is oily or streaky after you finish that means you applied too much spray. Keep buffing and next time apply less. This product is recommended since it contains the same sealer MPNS originally used on your natural stone. Your natural stone has been sealed with GranQuartz Premium Impregnator sealer. This is one of the best sealers on the market and will give your natural stone years of protection. Understand that no sealer will make the natural stone impervious to staining; it is a help and protector. Your daily care and protection of the stone is just as important as the sealer. Call MPNS if you have questions or problems concerning cleaning issues with your stone.

## **DO'S**

- Clean surfaces with mild detergent or stone soap.
- Thoroughly rinse and dry the surface after washing.
- Blot up spills immediately.
- Protect floor surfaces with non-slip mats or area rugs and countertop surfaces with coasters, trivets or placemats.

## **DO NOT**

- Use vinegar, lemon juice or other cleaners containing acids on granite, marble, limestone, travertine or onyx surfaces.
- Use cleaners that contain acid such as bathroom cleaners, grout cleaners or tub & tile cleaners, or abrasive cleaners such as dry cleansers or soft cleansers.
- Stand on the countertop, especially near a sink or cook top hole, you can break natural stone by standing on it.

## **SPILLS AND STAINS**

Blot the spill with a paper towel immediately. Don't wipe the area, it 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.

## **CARE AND PRECAUTIONS**

Use coasters under all glasses, particularly those containing alcohol or citrus juices. Many common foods and drinks contain acids that will etch or dull the surface of many stones. Do not place hot items directly on the stone surface. Use trivets or mats under hot dishes and placemats under china, ceramics, silver or other objects that can scratch the surface. Clean stone surfaces with a few drops of neutral cleaner, or a mild liquid dishwashing detergent and warm water. Use a clean rag mop on floors and a soft cloth for other surfaces for best results. Too much cleaner or soap may leave a film and cause streaks. Do not use products that contain lemon, vinegar or other acids on your stone surface. Rinse the surface thoroughly after washing with the soap solution and dry with a soft cloth. Change the rinse water frequently. Do not use scouring powders or creams; these products contain abrasives that may scratch the surface.

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS AND IF YOU HAVE ANY  
QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO  
CALL OUR OFFICE AT 225-673-2178.**