

Granite, Marble, and Quartzite are all porous and susceptible to staining. This can be mitigated by resealing the surface and cleaning up spills immediately.

**RECOMMENDED CLEANING PRODUCTS:**

We highly recommend Lakeside's Pristine Clean™ cleaner which has been specially and effectively formulated to be tough on germs and grime, and safe for natural stone surfaces.

Otherwise, neutral-pH, non-abrasive cleaners such as Dawn soap or Simple Green are safe to use on natural stone surfaces.

**DAILY CLEANING:**

Wipe down your stone surfaces with a damp cloth or sponge. Dry completely with cloth or paper towel to avoid water spots. Use Pristine Clean or a mild dish soap as needed.

**Note:** Non-polished surfaces will show daily use, fingerprints, and stains more than polished surfaces, and require more frequent & thorough cleaning to maintain their appearance.

**SPOTS AND STAINS:**

It is important to wipe up spills immediately to avoid spots and stains. Apply the cleaner to a soft cloth or paper towel (not directly to the stone) and wipe the surface. Repeat gently until the spot or stain has been removed. Always follow cleaning with a mild soap, water, and dry.

**Grease stains:** Wipe the spot with Simple Green. Repeat as necessary. Follow cleaning with mild dish soap and water.

**Food / Organic stains:** Dilute dish soap with warm water and gently clean the stained area. Rinse the area with water, and repeat as necessary.

**Stubborn spots:** Use Pristine Clean™ or a mild dish soap and a soft cloth or sponge. If not resolved, make a paste of baking soda and water. Rub onto spot and let sit for a few minutes. Rinse the surface with cold water. Repeat the process, if needed, to continue to remove the stain.

## **SEALER APPLICATION:**

Apply a penetrating stone sealer every 1-2 years depending on use. If you are unsure whether it is time to reseal or not, drip water on the surface: If it does not bead, it is time to reseal.

The surface should be cleaned as thoroughly as possible prior to application. Sealer will provide basic stain protection while maintaining original appearance. It may not hide fingerprints, water spots, or oil marks completely.

## **POLISHING (for marble surfaces):**

In addition to a regular sealer schedule, marble polish may be applied periodically to maintain the shine and help protect marble's surface.

## **WHAT TO AVOID:**

Avoid activities that may scratch or damage your natural stone surface such as:

- Cutting directly on the surface
- Placing hot objects directly on the surface (always use hot pads/trivets)

Avoid abrasive, acidic, or harsh cleaners such as:

- Scotch-Brite, Steel wool, SOS pads
- Powdered oxalic acid cleaners (Bar Keeper's Friend, Ajax, etc)
- High-acid cleaners (tub & tile cleaner, mold remover, rust & hard water stain removers)
- Bleach
- Isopropyl alcohol (which will harm the sealer)