



Proper care for your Granite:

- Blot Spills immediately, before they penetrate the surface.
- Clean stone surfaces with a few drops of neutral stone cleaner, stone soap (available in hardware stores, or from a stone dealer), or a mild dishwashing liquid and warm water.
- Use a soft, clean cloth to clean Granite. Rinse after washing with the soap solution and dry with a soft, clean cloth.
- Remove a stain on Granite, basing the method on the type of stain. Mix a cup of flour, 1-2 tablespoons of dishwashing liquid with water to make a thick paste. Put it on the stain, cover with plastic wrap, and let sit overnight.
- Scrape away the mixture with a wooden utensil and rinse. If stain is oil-based (e.g. grease, oil, milk) use hydrogen peroxide in the paste instead of dishwashing liquid- or try ammonia on it.
- Try a mixture of 12% hydrogen peroxide mixed with a couple drops of ammonia for an organic stain (coffee, tea, fruit)
- Use a lacquer thinner or acetone to remove ink or marker stains from darker stone. On light-colored Granite, use hydrogen peroxide with these stains. This also works for wine stains.
- Mix molding plaster and pure bleach into a paste and spread over a wine, ink or other non-oil stain. Leave on for 30 minutes, then remove and rinse.
- Paste a mix of molding plaster and water over an oil-based or fat-based stain. Mold it into birds'-nest, shape and allow standing for 3 hours. Remove and rinse.
- When a stain occurs this is unfortunately a way to find out your counter top has to be sealed. **It is crucial to keep your counter top sealed to prevent staining.** A good way to know your counter top needs to be sealed is: To put a small puddle of water on your counter and let stand for 10 minutes. Then wipe your counter dry. If the water leaves a haze on your counter, appearing that the liquid has been absorbed in the stone, your counter must be sealed right away. Use a non-toxic sealer on food preparation areas.
- Do not use acidic cleaners (e.g. Lysol, Windex, Javex). They could damage the Granite permanently.
- Consider using a new disinfectant cleaner made specifically for Granite.
- Call your professional stone supplier, Delray Granite restoration specialist for any questions you may have.