

HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR GRANITE TOP

To help ensure your Granite Top stays looking at its best, we thought we would include a few helpful hints and tips in addition to the general care guide for your furniture:

- Despite its solid appearance granite is a natural and porous materials, therefore liquids can be absorbed by the granite and may cause staining. It is important to remove any liquids quickly, including from the edges against any wooden frame.
- To protect and prolong the shiny new look of the granite top the surface should be sealed before use with a suitable anti-stain granite sealer. This should be repeated every 6 months to keep the top in peak condition.
- Clean after each use with warm water or a PH neutral detergent and wipe with a clean soft cloth. Dry thoroughly with a chamois leather to remove any streaks and ensure a shiny finish. Never use acidic or abrasive cleaning products or materials.
- Even with general cleaning the surface may dull overtime, so to maintain the appearance of the granite regularly use a quality granite cleaner. For more stubborn marks or dirt a suitable granite degreaser maybe required.
- When cleaning and caring for the granite surface as above, any wooden frame around the edges should be protected to prevent damaging the finish.
- To protect the granite avoid placing sharp or abrasive objects on the surface and avoid chopping food. This will help to prevent scratches or acidic foods or liquids from damaging the surface.
- Regularly carry out a simple test to check the porosity of your granite worktops. Simply place a small pool of water on the worktop and observe if it darkens the area. If it does, then it is likely your granite worktop requires treating with a suitable granite sealer.
- Do not place hot saucepans directly onto granite surfaces. Granite is naturally heat resistant but excessive heat and cooking residue in a concentrated area may damage the granite.
- Always use coasters when placing drinks onto granite worktops, especially hot drinks and alcoholic drinks. Some drinks may stain while the acid in others may cause the surface of the worktop to become dull.
- Although granite is sturdy it is not designed to take excessive weight, so sitting on the worktop should be avoided.
- Whilst the stone is robust your granite does need looking after, carelessness can cause staining, scratches or chipping so following the above advice will help to maintain an excellent appearance. However, if any repairs are required, we recommend you seek professional help.