



## **Care & Maintenance of Your Quartzite Countertops**

No material provides the enduring elegance of natural stone. Natural stone countertops offer a lifetime of lasting beauty with minimal care and maintenance.

### Sealing

Once natural stone is properly sealed, it can help protect from everyday spills. Instead of being absorbed into the stone, water and other spills can bead up on the surface for a time before soaking in and staining. People often assume that natural stone is "stain-proof," however all stone is porous. After fabrication we treat your countertops with one coat of sealer.

### Basic Care

When cleaning up those messes and spills, it's important to use cleaners specially formulated for stone. Most general purpose cleaners, acidic and alkaline solutions, abrasives, ammonia or bleach can break down sealers and damage stone surfaces. Some soapy cleaners may leave an unsightly film. Our daily revitalizing cleaners and heavy duty cleaners were carefully designed for stone, providing you with peace of mind. Our stone polish adds instant, touch-up shine to polished surfaces.

### Water Spots & Stains

Water spots from hard water around a sink area are the most common issue with stone. These can simply be buffed out with dry 0000 steel wool. Stains are fairly uncommon with sealed natural stones and there are different recommendations for stain removal depending on the type of stain.

### Heat

Granite, Quartzite and other natural stones are virtually impervious to damage from normal cooking temperatures.

Following these basic guidelines and procedures, and using products designed exclusively for stone, will help preserve the natural beauty of your investment. Stone Source is always available to provide advice on any of your stone needs. For more detailed information, visit [naturalstoneinstitute.org/consumers/care/](http://naturalstoneinstitute.org/consumers/care/)