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## **Countertop Maintenance and Care Guidelines**

### ***All Stone Surfaces***

- Use a mild soap or pH neutral stone cleanser with a soft cloth or sponge for daily cleaning.
- Do not place hot items directly on stone surface. The use of a trivet or mat is recommended.
- Never stand on countertops.
- Avoid using abrasive or acidic cleansers as well as scouring pads.
- Wipe up spills immediately.
- Thoroughly rinse and dry the surface after cleaning.
- For bath areas minimize soap scum by using a squeegee after each use.
- Take special care around undermount sink edges when handling heavy pots and pans – we see more chips here than anywhere else.
- Apply a penetrating sealer annually or when water no longer beads on the surface. \*
- Make sure to use a non-toxic sealer safe for food preparation areas if sealing in a kitchen or a bar.
- If a stain occurs a poultice may be used to help remove the stain.
- If scratches or chips occur contact Rocky Mountain Marble Restoration for repair.

### ***Natural Quartzite***

- While generally dense and very hard (7 on the Mohs scale) some varieties of quartzite are more porous than others.
- Care for quartzite as you would for any natural stone – see above.
- More frequent sealer application may be necessary to prevent water absorption and/or staining.

### ***Marble, Dolomite, Limestone, Travertine, and Onyx Surfaces***

- Avoid abrasive cleansers including bathroom cleaners, tub and tile cleaners and grout cleaners.
- Avoid acidic cleansers including lemon juice and vinegar.
- Use coasters at all times.
- Use placemats or a table cloth under china, ceramics, silver, or anything else that can scratch the surface.



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### ***Soapstone Surfaces***

- \*Soapstone is non-porous and does not require a sealer. Instead of a sealer, most homeowners apply a dry wax or mineral oil to the counters. Wax or oil should be applied repeatedly until the desired surface darkening has occurred. This helps to minimize the appearance of finger-print smudges and drink rings. While non-porous, Soapstone is comparatively soft to other countertop surfaces. Scratches can be removed by sanding or their appearance minimized by dry wax/mineral oil application.

### ***Engineered Quartz Surfaces***

- \*Engineered quartz care is manufacturer specific. Colorado Stone will provide quartz care guides via email.

### ***Recommended Products:***

Any pH neutral cleanser formulated specifically for natural stone, such as:

[Stone Tech Cleaner](#)

Or

[3-In-1 Spray Cleaner](#)

Sealer:

[Dry Treat Sealers:](#)

Soapstone Wax:

[Dorado Dry Wax](#)

Please feel free to contact Colorado Stone, Ltd. at any time with questions about caring for your natural stone.