



Granite Care and Maintenance

Cleaning

Granite can be cleaned daily with any neutral surface cleaner that says "approved for granite or natural stone" on the label. Recommended cleaners include:

- 409 Multi Surface
- Pledge Multi Surface
- Windex Multi Surface (Ammonia-Free Version)
- MethodEasy

There are many others - just check labels.

Sealing

Your granite has been sealed upon installation. For lighter stones specifically, the homeowner may need to seal it **AGAIN** once the house is moved in to. They can sometimes take several coats to seal initially. Just because water spots your granite does not mean it is not sealed, it just means your granite needs more sealer. Sealer may be purchased at Home Depot, Lowes or Amazon. At box stores it is usually found in the tile section; it is plain stone sealer, not a sealer cleaner combo. It is as simple as wiping it on and then wiping it back off.

Things to Note with Granite

- You may NOT set hot pots or pans on it. Use hot plates. Sudden changes in temperature can crack it and it can also scorch. These issues cannot be fixed. Many people have had no trouble with heat on granite, but many others have cracked theirs, so do not risk it.
- Granite has a shiny surface but it is not a glass-type smooth surface. Meaning it will have some textures to it. Some appear dull when light shines on them, some have small pits in the surface, and some feel gritty to the touch. Granite is natural; it has odd characteristics from slab to slab. It is not intended to have a mirror-like shine or finish. If your granite appears "dull" after cleaning, then that is the finish it is meant to have. If inconsistencies are bothersome to you, quartz is a better option.
- Granite has natural fissures and small veins or cracks in it. These are visible but do not compromise the strength of the stone. Granite also varies in shade and thickness.