



## GRANITE CARE SHEET

Granite Natural Stone is an igneous rock formed from magma. The durability, strength and hardness of the material make it an ideal choice for surfaces in homes, offices, hotels and numerous other applications. In addition to its natural strength, Granite is a beautiful stone that adds color, class and warmth to any setting.

### **BASIC STONE CARE DOs & DON'Ts**

**DO** use coasters under glasses, especially if they contain alcohol or citrus juices.

**DO** use trivets or mats under hot dishes or cookware. Placing extremely hot items on your countertop for an extended period of time may result in the sealant being removed.

**DO** use place mats under china, ceramics, silver or other objects that may scratch your stones surface.

**DON'T** use abrasive cleaners or alkaline cleaners not specifically formulated for stone.

**DON'T** use vinegar, bleach, ammonia, other general purpose cleaners, bathroom cleaners or tub and tile cleaners.

### **CLEANING YOUR GRANITE SURFACE**

Granite surfaces should only be cleaned with cleaners specially formulated for natural stone surfaces. Many general purpose cleaners contain acidic and alkaline ingredients, abrasives, ammonia or bleach which can break down sealers and damage the natural stone which is porous without the sealant.

What to do when a spill occurs?

No matter how careful you are spills are going to happen. A quick response and the right solution can keep spills from damaging your stone or degrading the sealer.

### **Food or Liquid Spills**

Wipe up spills as soon as possible. Spray the area with neutral stone cleaner and wipe off with a clean cloth. Highly acidic substances such as orange juice, coffee, vinegar, wine, tomato products, and mustard can break down seals more quickly.

### **Sealing**

All stone countertops purchased and installed from Vermillion are given an initial seal. To tell if it's time to re-seal your granite countertops, simply take a few drops of water and sprinkle a few on your tops. If it beads up, you're all set, no sealing required at this time. If it sinks in it's time to seal it. Sealing can be done yourself or by a professional. Contact Vermillion at 417-862-3785.

### **Oily Stains**

Oil based stains such as cooking oils grease, or butter may need professional attention. Contact Vermillion at 417-862-3785.