# General Care & Maintenance

### ALL STONE SURFACES

### **Daily Care**

Keeping your countertops clean is not difficult. The key is to clean them up frequently and not letting stains set in. For daily care, we recommend using mild, non-abrasive soaps and water. We find that a good idea is to make your own solution in a bottle. Dissolve a small amount of dish soap in the bottle of water, add a bit of vinegar and a few drops of your favourite essential oils (to provide a pleasant aroma).

Spray the solution on top of the countertop, wait a few minutes and wipe it dry with a clean dish or paper towel.

Once a week, spray the surface with a 50/50 mix of water and vinegar to remove any soap residue.



#### 750 ML OF HOME-MADE DAILY CLEAN-UP SOLUTION

- 500 mL of distilled water
- 250 mL of vinegar
- Table spoon of mild dish soap
- 10-15 drops of essential oils (optional)

Distilled water is preferred. You can use filtered water for shorter storage or smaller cleaning amount.

Adding too much soap to your mix could introduce a surface film on top of your countertops.

## **Cleaning Up Spills**

Spills happen. They are unavoidable. Most spills are easy to remove if dealt with immediately. If you spill oil-based liquids, such as grease or milk, they may become a stain if allowed to set in. To remove, make a paste out of baking soda and water, slather it on the oil marks, cover it and let it sit for several hours or overnight.

Coffee, juice and wine may leave marks and penetrate the stone if it's not cleaned up immediately. Use baking soda and hydrogen peroxide on water-based marks. Add just enough hydrogen peroxide to baking soda to make a paste. Apply it to any water-based stains or marks, cover and let it sit overnight.

If you want to disinfect your countertops with more than just vinegar and water, use isopropyl alcohol and water. Mix 2 parts isopropyl alcohol to 1 part water. Spray on the countertop, and let it sit for three to five minutes. Rinse with water and dry with a soft dishcloth.

## Additional Care

Do not cut directly on the surface. Use a cutting board instead.

Do not dry dishes directly on the countertops. Minerals in the water will produce water spots that may not be easy to remove.



#### **CLEANING STEPS:**

Move onto the next step only if previous is not working

- 1. Soap & water
- 2. Dawn Powerwash
- 3. Barkeepers Friend



Do not use a Magic Eraser. It's abrasive and it will dull stone surfaces.