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Granite Care & Maintenance

Daily Cleaning:

- Use a mild dish soap with warm water and a soft sponge or cloth.
- Dawn dish soap, diluted with water is always the first choice of BSA.
- The soap to water dilution ratio we recommend is made simple by adding 1 cap full of Dawn dish soap to a 20oz spray bottle, slowly add hot water and swirl to fully mix.
- If excess streaking is visible, use slightly less soap in your next mixture, or dilute further.
- Antibacterial Dawn dish soap may also be mixed and used for food preparation areas.
- Avoid acidic or abrasive cleaners (such as vinegar, ammonia, or bleach), which can degrade the sealant.

Sealing:

- Granite is a porous natural stone and should be sealed annually (or as needed).
- Not all sealing agents are the same, non-industry grade sealers can damage countertops.
- Perform a water drop test: if water absorbs quickly into the stone, it's time to reseal.

Spill Management:

- Wipe spills immediately to prevent staining, especially oils, wines, and acidic foods.
- Use coasters under drinks and trivets under hot pans.
- Use trays under things like bottles of olive oil or dish soap that sit on your countertops.

Scratch and Chip Prevention:

- Avoid cutting or chopping directly on the surface; always use a cutting board.
- Refrain from standing or sitting on granite countertops to prevent cracking or stress fractures.
- Common sources of surface scratches are typically caused by debris / pebbles and sand stuck to the bottom of grocery bags during transport, then bags are placed on countertops and slid during unpacking.



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Repairs:

- Minor chips can often be filled and blended with colored epoxy.
- Repaired or patched areas will never be a perfect visual or texture match, but the damaged areas are minimized at varying levels depending on damage and material.
- Surface areas are the most difficult to repair, and surface polishing is highly discouraged.
- Contact a professional for larger repairs or resealing services.

General Tips:

- Avoid placing extremely hot pots directly on the surface.
- Use trays for toiletries in bathrooms to avoid acidic or any chemical residue.
- Avoid abrasives and impacts.