



- Every granite/marble countertop is unique. You CANNOT find multiple slabs of stone that will match exactly in color, shape, or size. This is not a man-made material.
- Color variation and movement in slabs is very common. You should expect areas of color variance with features that stand out. This is due to many different minerals such as Feldspar, Quartz, Potassium, Calcite and Mica that may be present. These are the features that will make your granite/marble unique to you.
- Marble and granite will in some cases stain and/or etch if you leave certain materials to rest on the surface for a prolonged amount of time. These can include acidic, water, or oil-based materials; organic matter; food; some types of metal; paint or ink. You should wipe up any spills immediately.
- Both granite and marble are susceptible to staining, scratching, etching and chipping. However, marble is VERY porous and softer than granite and therefore more prone to the items listed above.
- Your granite/marble will be sealed after installation. This only reduces the risk of staining- it does not eliminate it. It is recommended that a sealer be reapplied once a year. You can buy this at most home improvement stores.
- Gentle cleaning with mild solution of dish soap and water or a specialized granite/marble cleaner (also widely available from home improvement stores) is all you need to clean this natural stone product.
- Over a period of time, granite and marble can (not in all cases) develop slight changes in color, this is due to oxidation in the minerals present throughout your stone. There are no preventative measures to avoid this.
- At point of extraction from the earth, any deep fissures or pits are filled in with a resin. The slab of material is then polished to give a smooth finish. Fissures and pits in the stone are all purely natural features. You should expect some of these to be present in your countertops that you might be able to see or feel.
- Please visit The Marble Institute of America for a full overview and understanding of the proper care and maintenance for your natural stone countertops (<http://www.marble-institute.com/consumers/index.cfm>).