

# Stonemark® GRANITE CARE & USE

In order for your Stonemark 20-Year Limited Warranty to remain in effect, you must carefully follow these care and use guidelines.

## How to care for your new Stonemark granite

Your Stonemark granite countertop is millions of years old and can be damaged by using an improper cleaning product that is not suitable for use on stone surfaces. Natural stone is formed of delicate minerals that can react to improper cleaning products such as: vinegar, many over-the-counter cleaning products, window cleaners, dishwashing detergents, generic neutral cleaners, degreasers and acidic-based cleaners. It is very important to use pH neutral stone cleaners, such as approved products found in the kitchen department at The Home Depot.

### Care:

- Wipe the surface of your countertop with a nonabrasive cloth and stone cleaner. We recommend that you use pH neutral stone specific care products.
- Clean up all spills immediately, including water.
- Do not use household cleaning products with acid or ammonia on your countertop surface, such as bathroom cleaners, grout cleaners or tub and tile cleaners.
- Do not use vinegar or lemon juice as cleaners.
- Do not use abrasive cleaners, cloths, or scrubbing pads.
- Promptly clean any spilled chemical substances such as bleach or drain cleaner from granite.
- Do not use polishes or waxes that were not specifically developed for your granite.
- Do not use deep fryers, rotisseries, or toaster ovens directly on the countertop as high temperatures and hot oil drippings, splatter, and spills can damage your granite.
- Maintain your granite's polish and shine monthly with a product formulated specifically for granite.
- Refresh your granite annually with a product formulated specifically for granite.

### Use:

- Protect countertop surfaces with coasters, trivets or place mats.
- Do not abuse the countertop. Abuse includes, but is not limited to, use and cooking, especially with oil or grease, that is unreasonable considering the normal and expected use of the kitchen countertop.
- Do not drop or place any object of excessive weight on the surface of the countertop.
- Do not sit or stand on the product.
- Protect countertop surfaces by using a cutting board.

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## CLEANERS TO STAY AWAY FROM

\* Stone is a chemical in a solid form. When improper chemicals are used, it reacts.\*



pH is a unit of measure to determine the alkalinity and acidity of a solution

Type	Products not to use on Stone	Effect on Stone
Acids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drano, CLR, Vinegar, Alcoholic beverages</li> <li>• Lime Away, Kaboom, Zep- will eat marble and take shine away immediately</li> <li>• Most household/bathroom cleaners</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chemicals will burn and dull stone</li> </ul>
Alkalis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Windex, 409, Fantastic, Strippers, Degreasers, Ammonia</li> <li>• Most household cleaning products</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attacks color minerals of stone.</li> <li>• Black stones will turn gray over time.</li> </ul>
Soap & Water		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soap leaves a film.</li> <li>• Water leaves mineral deposits.</li> <li>• Both cause dulling.</li> </ul>
Bleach & Water		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removes color from stone which can never be recreated.</li> </ul>
Oil Based	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Murphy's Oil Soap</li> <li>• Pine Sol</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stains and darkens stone over time.</li> <li>• Creates slippery surface.</li> <li>• Leaves a filmy haze on stone.</li> </ul>