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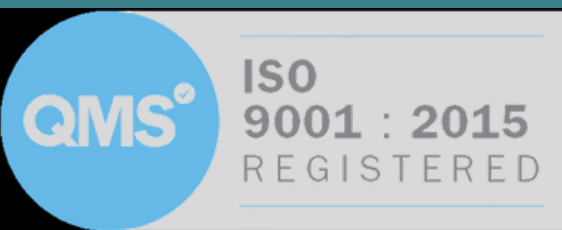
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Granite & Care and Maintenance

Do's and Don'ts of Granite Worktops

#1: DO CLEAN UP YOUR SPILLS

IF YOU SPILL SOMETHING ON YOUR GRANITE, BE SURE TO WIPE IT UP REASONABLY FAST. GRANITE CAN WITHSTAND SOME SPILLS BUT IF YOU LET IT SIT FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME, YOUR GRANITE CAN STAIN. WHILE GRANITE IS DURABLE, IT IS ALSO POROUS-MEANING IT CAN ABSORB LIQUID QUICKLY. ANOTHER THING YOU CAN DO TO AVOID STAINING, IS TO SEAL YOUR GRANITE.

#2: DO USE COASTERS AND TRIVETS

GRANITE IS NOT INDESTRUCTABLE. WE ADVISE THE USE OF COASTERS FOR YOUR DRINKS AND TRIVETS FOR YOUR PANS TO ACT AS A PROTECTIVE BARRIER, THE CHANCE OF SCRATCHING AND CRACKING IS LIMITED. TYPICALLY, GRANITE IS VERY DURABLE WHEN IT COMES TO HEAT, BUT IT'S BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY AND NOT PLACE HOT POTS DIRECTLY ONTO YOUR WORKTOP.

#3: DO RESEARCH YOUR CLEANERS

MAKE SURE YOU RESEARCH YOUR CLEANERS AND WHAT IS IN THEM. GRANITE DOES BEST WHEN IT IS CLEANED DAILY WITH SOME WARM WATER AND LIGHT SOAP. IF YOU USE HARSH ACIDIC CLEANERS THEY CAN DAMAGE YOUR WORKTOPS AND POTENTIALLY RUIN THEM. THERE ARE SPECIFIC CLEANERS MADE FOR GRANITE WORKTOPS, AND YOU CAN USUALLY FIND THEM AT ALMOST ANY STORE THAT CARRIES CLEANING SUPPLIES. AGAIN LIKE WE MENTIONED BEFORE, SEALING YOUR WORKTOP IS ALSO A PLUS AND A GOOD PROTECTANT AGAINST HARMFUL CLEANERS AND SPILLS.

#4: YOUR FABRIC CHOICE

MAKE SURE THAT THE FABRIC YOU ARE USING TO WIPE DOWN YOUR GRANITE IS SOFT SUCH AS A MICROFIBER OR A DISH CLOTH, THESE WILL DO THE JOB WITHOUT DAMAGING THE SURFACE.

#5: DON'T SIT OR STAND ON THE COUNTER

GRANITE IS DURABLE AND IS VERY STRONG, BUT GRANITE IS NOT A FLEXIBLE MATERIAL MEANING IT DOES NOT BOW OR BEND WITH WEIGHT- IT WILL CRACK. AVOID SITTING OR STANDING ON THE WORTOP, ESPECIALLY NEAR HOB AND SINK CUT OUTS AS THESE AREAS OF YOUR WORKTOP HAVE LESS SUPPORT THAN OTHERS, AND YOU MAY NOT SEE THE DAMAGE RIGHT AWAY, BUT YOU WILL SIGNIFICANTLY WEAKEN THE STRENGTH OF YOUR WORKTOP.

#5: DO OVERALL MAINTENANCE

ALL OF THE THINGS ABOVE WILL HELP YOU PROLONG YOUR WORKTOPS LIFE SPAN. THERE ARE COMMON THINGS THAT YOU PROBABLY DO ALREADY, BUT DON'T REALIZE HOW SIGNIFICANT THEY ARE. AS FAR AS THE TYPICAL DAY TO DAY UPKEEP OF GRANITE, IT IS VERY VERY SIMPLE AND STRESS-FREE, WHICH IS WHAT MAKES GRANITE SO GREAT TO HAVE! IF YOU FOLLOW THESE FEW THINGS, DAY IN AND DAY OUT YOU ARE GOING TO KEEP YOUR GRANITE IN MINT CONDITION.

DAILY:

WIPE DOWN YOUR WORKTOP AFTER COOKING, OR DAILY USE TO AVOID STAINS AND OF COURSE TO KEEP YOUR HOME CLEAN AND FRESH. WIPE DOWN THE WORKTOP WITH SOME LIGHT SOAP, WATER AND A SOFT SPONGE.

WEEKLY:

USE A GRANITE SPECIFIC CLEANER ONCE A WEEK TO WIPE THE SURFACE CLEAN OF ANY BACTERIA AND TO KEEP IT SPARKLING.

ONCE A YEAR:

AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR IT IS GOOD TO RESEAL YOUR WORKTOP AS THE SEALANT PROTECTION WILL FADE OVER TIME.

KEEP YOUR GRANITE IN PERFECT CONDITION AND SPARKLING BY FOLLOWING THE DO'S AND DON'TS OF GRANITE DETAILED ABOVE. THE STEPS ARE SIMPLE, AND THE BENEFITS ARE WORTH IT! GRANITE IS A PERFECT MATERIAL DUE TO ITS STRENGTH AND LOOKS FANTASTIC IN ANY HOME!