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## Stone Care

## Benefits of Protecting Stone

Your stone has already been sealed prior to being installed. If properly maintained, your natural stone can give you a lifetime of beauty and enjoyment.

## Required Maintenance and Cleaning

Sealer should be applied yearly. For more porous stones in high traffic areas, sealer should be applied twice a year. We recommend Fila MP 90 Stone Sealer. Cleaning the stone properly is as important as sealing it. We recommend Fila Neutral Cleaner. If cleaners are not available, we recommend using a mild detergent with warm water. For more information about the cleaners and sealers you can contact our showroom at 610-272-3372.

## FAQ

<u>Stains</u> – If a stain occurs, stain removers and poultices are available. Most liquid stains evaporate on their own within one to two weeks.

<u>Chips</u> – Chips can be polished out or filled in depending on its severity.

<u>Scratches</u> – Some of the softer stones tend to scratch or wear with time. They can be removed by polishing or refinishing.

<u>Etching</u> – Unlike most granites and quartz surfaces, marble, limestone, slate and travertine are prone to etching. Etching occurs when any acidic liquid penetrates and dulls the surface of the stone. An Etch marking can be removed by re-polishing or re-surfacing the stone. Sealers will not prevent any natural stones from etching. Please call our service department for more information.

<u>Seams</u> – Unfortunately, sometimes seams cannot be avoided. In new construction, it's often likely for a seam to separate. This can be caused by few factors, the weight of the stone and settlement of new cabinets on a new floor can cause the seam to separate. Seams can easily be repaired by our service technicians.

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