## **Granite Care & Maintenance Guide**

Granite is a durable and elegant natural stone that, with proper care, will last a lifetime. Though it's one of the hardest natural surfaces, it still requires regular maintenance to keep it looking its best.

# **Daily Cleaning**

- Use a soft cloth or sponge with warm water and a mild dish soap or stone-safe cleaner.
- Avoid harsh chemicals like bleach, ammonia, vinegar, or acidic cleaners that can damage the sealant or dull the surface.

## **Spill Management**

- Clean spills promptly to avoid potential staining.
- Substances like wine, coffee, oils, juices, and acidic sauces can stain or etch the surface if left for long.

#### Sealing

- Granite should be sealed regularly to maintain stain resistance—Once every year, depending on use and the stone's porosity.
- Perform a simple water test: place a few drops of water on the counter—if it absorbs or darkens within a few minutes, it's time to reseal.

### **Heat Protection**

- Granite is heat resistant but still use trivets or hot pads.
- Direct contact with very hot cookware can cause thermal shock or discoloration over time.

### **Scratch & Chip Prevention**

- Granite is highly scratch-resistant, but avoid using knives directly on the surface—use a cutting board to protect both your stone and your knives.
- Be cautious with heavy pots and objects, especially near edges, as granite can chip under force.

#### **Stain Removal**

- Use a stone-safe poultice for removing stubborn stains (e.g., oil, wine, or rust).
- For oil-based stains, a mix of baking soda and water may be applied as a paste and left covered overnight.

#### **Long-Term Tips**

- Use coasters under all glasses, especially those with acidic or dark liquids.

- Avoid sitting or standing on granite countertops, particularly at unsupported overhangs or corners.
- Keep surfaces dry, especially around sinks and seams, to prevent long-term moisture damage.

# **Professional Maintenance**

- Have your countertops professionally cleaned and resealed periodically to maintain protection and appearance.
- Chips, deep scratches, or damaged seams should be repaired by a professional stone technician.