

# Marble Care & Maintenance Guide

Marble is a timeless and elegant natural stone prized for its beauty and unique veining. However, it is also softer and more porous than other stones, making proper care essential to preserving its appearance.

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## Daily Cleaning

- Use a **soft cloth or sponge** with warm water and a **pH-neutral, stone-safe cleaner** or a mild dish soap.
  - Wipe gently and dry with a soft towel to prevent water spots.
  - **Never use vinegar, lemon juice, ammonia, bleach, or abrasive cleaners**—these can etch or dull the surface.
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## Spill Management

- Marble is **highly porous** and can stain easily, so **wipe spills immediately**.
  - Be especially cautious with:
    - Wine
    - Coffee and tea
    - Citrus juice
    - Tomato sauce
    - Vinegar
    - Oil-based products
  - Blot instead of wiping to avoid spreading the spill.
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## Sealing

- **Marble should be sealed frequently**—at least every 6 to 12 months or more often in high-use areas.
  - Perform a water test: place a few drops of water on the surface—if it darkens or absorbs within a few minutes, it's time to reseal.
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## Etching Awareness

- **Etching occurs when acidic substances react with calcium carbonate in marble,** leaving dull, light spots.
  - Even with a sealant, etching can still happen.
  - Use coasters under glasses and **avoid placing acidic foods or products directly on the surface.**
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## Scratch & Chip Prevention

- Marble can scratch easily:
    - Always use **cutting boards**.
    - Avoid dragging heavy cookware or objects.
    - Use placemats and felt pads under decorative items or small appliances.
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## Heat Protection

- Marble is **heat resistant** but not heatproof.
  - Always use **trivets or hot pads** under hot pots, pans, or appliances.
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## Stain & Etch Removal

- For stains: use a **stone-safe poultice** to draw out deep stains.
  - For etching: professional polishing may be required to restore the surface to its original sheen.
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## Long-Term Tips

- Use **coasters** under all beverages.
  - Regularly dust and clean surfaces to avoid buildup of dirt or grit.
  - Do not sit or stand on marble countertops.
  - Keep marble dry around sinks and faucets to avoid mineral buildup or water stains.
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## Professional Maintenance

- Have marble **professionally cleaned, polished, and resealed** as needed.

- Chips, deep stains, and severe etching should be addressed by a stone restoration specialist.