

## **GRANITE & MARBLE COUNTERTOPS**

### **CLEANING TIPS**

Natural stone requires cleaning products that are specifically made for its unique mineral composition. Abrasive household cleaners wear away the sealer, putting your surface at risk of a stain. For everyday cleaning we recommend *DuPont™ Granite & Marble Countertop Cleaner* cleans with a gentle, pH-neutral formula that removes soils.

Do not use products that contain lemon, vinegar or other acids on marble or limestone. Rinse the surface thoroughly after washing with the soap solution and dry with a soft cloth. Change the rinse water frequently. Do not use scouring powders or creams; these products contain abrasives that may scratch the surface.

### **KITCHEN & BATHROOM COUNTERTOP MAINTENANCE**

Many household foods, beverages and cosmetics can damage stone. Common toiletries like perfume, toothpaste and mouthwash contain acids and other ingredients that can degrade the sealer or even damage your stone's surface. Exercise caution with common foods and beverages, like orange juice or soft drinks that also contain acids. Regular use of *DuPont™ Granite & Marble Countertop Cleaner* will remove residues from cooking oils, everyday food spills, hairspray, and other cosmetics.

### **WHAT TO DO WHEN A SPILL OCCURS**

No matter how careful you are spills happen. If spills are left for extended periods of time, they can damage or penetrate the sealer. A quick response, and using *DuPont™ Stone Care products*, can keep spills from degrading the sealer and damaging your natural stone. For all spills, you want to remove as much of the material as possible without allowing it to spread, using something non-abrasive like a soft sponge, nylon brush or plastic spoon. Then simply clean the area with *DuPont™ Granite & Marble Countertop Cleaner*.

Naturally, food and drink will be the most common spills. Quickly scoop up food with a plastic spoon and wipe up liquids with a clean, dry white terrycloth. Use *DuPont™ Granite & Marble Countertop Cleaner* and wipe with a clean cloth. If necessary, repeat.

### **RESEALING GRANITE AND MARBLE COUNTERTOPS**

Natural stone countertops will need to be resealed ever 2-5 years depending on the porosity of the material and the amount us use the countertop receives. We recommend using *DuPont™ Granite & Marble Countertop Sealer* to preserve the beauty of your natural stone countertops. Homeowners can easily reseal their countertops. The surfaces should be clean and dry, the sealer should be tested in an inconspicuous area 24 hours in advance, and the application instruction from the manufacturer should be followed closely to ensure the best result.

For more information on Dupont Stone Care products to be find out where to buy these products visit their website, [www2.dupont.com/Stone\\_Care/en\\_US/index.html](http://www2.dupont.com/Stone_Care/en_US/index.html)