

QUARTZITE CARE & MAINTENANCE

After sealing, quartzite countertop maintenance couldn't be easier. To keep counters clean, give a daily swipe with a damp cloth and a drop or two of mild detergent. Another option is to wet down a microcloth and simply dust off the stone.

However, do not use abrasives or cleaners with vinegar or citrus bases. Although distilled white vinegar and a half lemon are great cleaners for many areas in your home, the acetic and citric acids in them slowly eat away at sealants, making the stone look dull and become more vulnerable to stains.

If stains do happen, remove them with a commercial poultice or with a baking soda and water paste. Spread a thick layer of the paste over the stain, cover with plastic wrap, wait a day or two, and then wipe clean. Repeat as necessary.

Cleaning Products:

- Many suppliers offer products used for stone cleaning.
- Products containing lemon, vinegar or other acids may dull or etch many stones.
- Scouring powders or creams often contain abrasives that may scratch certain stones.
- Many commercially available rust removers (laundry rust stain removers, toilet bowl cleaners) contain trace levels of hydrofluoric acid (HF). This acid attacks silicates in addition to other minerals. All stones, including granite and quartzite, will be attacked if exposed to HF.
- Do not mix ammonia and bleach. This combination creates a toxic and lethal gas.

To get the longest life and preserve the beauty of your natural stone, follow these simple tips:

Coasters: Use coasters under all glasses, particularly those containing alcohol or citrus juices.

Trivets: While many stones can withstand heat, the use of trivets or mats is recommended.

Spills: Blot the spill with a paper towel immediately. Don't wipe the area, it will spread the spill. Flush the area with water and mild soap and rinse several times. Dry the area thoroughly with a soft cloth. Repeat as necessary.

We recommend Dry Treat "Rejuvenata" spray as a good cleaner for daily cleaning of stone surfaces.