

GENERAL CARE FOR MARBLE

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Normal Maintenance for MARBLE:

Normal "housekeeping" maintenance for marble surfaces involves only periodic washing with clean, potable water and mildly alkaline cleaners. "Soapless" cleaners are preferred because they minimize streaking and filming. However, mild, phosphate-free biodegradable liquid dish soaps, soap flakes or powders are acceptable if rinsing is thorough.

Begin by applying clean, hot water (not boiling) on the surface. Next, using the cleaning solution (following the manufacturers directions) wash in small, overlapping sweeps. Rinse thoroughly with clean, potable water to remove all traces of soap or cleaner solution. Change the water in the rinse pail frequently. Dry with a soft cloth or cotton-flannel, and allow to thoroughly air-dry before applying top-dressings. Chamois skin may be used in lieu of cotton cloth in this process.



Suggestions for Care and Use for MARBLE:

Marble is a natural stone and should receive careful attention to prevent damage. It is common policy to use rubber-bottom coasters under all glasses; placemats or color-fast felt bottoms should be used under anything placed on the polished surface to prevent scratching. Many common foods and beverages contain acids, which could etch or stain the surface; spills of any type should be immediately wiped up and the area should be washed. Washing should be done with clean, soft cloths and lukewarm water; occasionally a mild detergent may be used.

Examples of Food / Beverages That Can Etch or Stain MARBLE:

Alcoholic beverages, fruit juices, vinegar, tomato products, mustard, carbonated beverages, ink, salad dressings, oil, tea, milk, coffee, butter, peanut butter, cosmetics, and any oil based caulks or adhesives. For stain removal, please see our Maintenance page.