



Caring for your Polished Granite

Thank you for choosing granite for your new worktops. The following basic guidelines on maintaining and cleaning your granite are provided to assist you in keeping your work surfaces in their 'as installed' condition. We hope you find the following of assistance.

Granite is an intrusive rock, formed beneath the earth's crust by magma flowing into deep pockets and cooling under tremendous pressure. It is highly crystalline with varied and large compositions of quartz, feldspar and mica, along with the presence, in lesser amounts, of dozens of other minerals. The result is an igneous rock with wide variations in colour, texture and veining that contribute to its natural beauty. It can be supplied in a number of finishes and its high strength and low porosity give it hard-wearing properties which make it an ideal material for kitchens and bathrooms work surfaces.

Granite is well suited for use as a working surface in kitchen and bathroom environments. It has good general resistance to absorption and should not be damaged by heat* or marked by knives (care should nevertheless be taken with fusion edge knives which, it is claimed, can cut anything!).

To further reduce the potential for granite to absorb liquids (and therefore stain) we treat all surfaces with Stone Care Europe Platinum Solvent sealant, a proprietary sealer that penetrates the stone and fills the microscopic voids between the crystals. This process is carried out immediately after installation by our trained applicators. **Please refrain from allowing any liquids to come into contact with your stone tops for at least 6 hours after application as the product must have sufficient time to set into the stone.** It is also advised that pets are kept away from the worktops whilst the product is drying. Landford Stone offer a **limited lifetime warranty** against stains and water ingress.

To register your warranty please view the warranty details and fill out the warranty registration form on our website: <https://www.landfordstone.co.uk/granite-warranty-registration/>.

There are nevertheless some household substances that can cause staining and damage even to well sealed granite. Beetroot, wine, lemon juice, cooking oil - particularly where prolonged or repeated exposure is allowed to occur can cause staining especially on light coloured granites. Aggressive kitchen cleaners such as oven cleaner, solvents, acids and alkalis, bleach or anti bacterial agents should not be used as these can break down the sealant layer and, over time, allow penetration by contaminants, and discolouration of the surface of the stone. Washing-up liquid if worked into the granite or allowed to stand for prolonged periods can also cause a dulling of the polished surface and break down the sealant, so its use is not recommended. Should staining start to occur, please inform us immediately as no treatment will be possible once the problem has become 'chronic'.

For the general cleaning of polished granite, we recommend using Wipe and Gloss from Stone Care Europe.

In hard water areas it is common for lime scale residue to build up around the tap and drainage areas over time. This can be easily removed by lightly rubbing the area with type 00 wire wool available at most hardware stores.

Following these guidelines will ensure the good condition of your work surfaces for years to come. If you require any further information, or wish to purchase any of the Stone Care Europe products available, please do not hesitate to contact them (see your care pack for details).

In order to maintain the surface over time, we advise against cutting or chopping directly on the countertop surface. Please use a chopping board and use trivets for hot pots or pans.