

# NATURAL STONE Care and Maintenance

## What is Natural Stone?

"Natural Stone" refers to a number of products quarried from the earth, used over many thousands of years as building materials and decorative enhancements. These products include Granite, Marble, Quartzite. They are more than just rocks - natural stone is hand selected from the best, most consistent sources for durability and beauty. Natural stone products differ in composition, color, and texture even among pieces from the same source. This enigmatic nature of the product lends itself to one of a kind designs and distinctive, dramatic applications.

## What are care and maintenance of the stone products are recommended?

Stone surfaces are very easy to maintain. Clean stone countertops with warm water and a mild PH neutral liquid soap. Never use acid cleansers or abrasive chemicals on stone. Natural stone should be sealed after installation and periodically thereafter, depending on its usage.

#### What is an impregnator sealer? How does it help stone?

Impregnator sealer consists of microscopic balls of silicone that attach themselves to crevices in side the stone. These balls become a permanentpart of the stone, and act as a waterproof shield.

#### How often should a sealer be applied?

When applied for the first time, at least 2 to 3 coatings are recommended. Thereafter, depending upon the traffic and usage of the stone, the sealer coats should be applied periodically.

#### Using cleaning products on Natural stone

Always attempt a trial on an isolated area before using on the project to check for desired results and follow instructions recommended by the product manufacturer.

Note - The suggestions mentioned above are for general practice. In case of a particular project, it is recommended that a professional installer/fabricator/restorer is consulted. It is also recommend that cleaning solutions are tried in an isolated area to check for desired results. Barbosa Cabinets disclaims any liability towards the use of any care &maintenance products.

### BARCAB.COM

info@barcab.com

2020 E. Grant Line Road Tracy, CA 95304 (209) 836-2501 office (209) 836-0847 fax

Natural stone products inherently lack uniformity & are subject to variation in aesthetics – color, shade, finish, etc. and performance – hardness, strength. When & where your stone is quarried will affect color. Check local building codes prior to specification & installation to verify that the product technical characteristics comply with required parameters. Final selection should be made from sample submittals. The existence & dimensions of bevel may vary from lot to lot. WARNING: This product can expose you to chemicals known by the State Of California to cause cancer, including crystalline silica (airborne particles of respirable size) in dust created if the product is dry cut/ground/polished or pulverized during fabrication/installation/removal. For more info go to P65warnings.ca.gov