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Granite and Natural Stone Care and Maintenance

DAILY CLEANING: We suggest using Ivory Dish Soap only because it is made without animal fats and free of dyes. Many other brands contain fats, dyes, and scents that can damage the stone, including, but not limited to Dove, Dawn and some Antibacterial Cleaners.

After washing, dry with a soft cloth to avoid streaks.

We recommend **never** using Windex or similar products on Granite. Regardless of what you may have heard, the ammonia reacts differently to different stones and can cause **permanent** streaking.

Avoid using detergents that can be abrasive and contain chemicals high in acid or alkaline.

Some stone cleaners have a petroleum or animal fat base which may alter the appearance of your stone, so be cautious when choosing products to use. They can darken the stone and leave a residue, which in time can build up and turn lighter stones yellow.

Granite tops will need to be sealed with products designed for that purpose only. Periodically, do a water test, if the water doesn't bead up on your tops, it should be re-sealed. Remember, if it isn't beading up, things are likely penetrating the stone.

SEALING PROCEDURE: Sparingly spread liquid sealer over tops with lint free clean cloth, let stand for at least 5 minutes or until sealer has soaked into the stone. Repeat procedure until film or haze appears on granite; buff with #0000 Steel Wool. Do another water test to be sure the top has been completely sealed.