GRANITEPRO



HOMEOWNER CARE GUIDE

Quartzite Countertop Care

What makes your stone special, how to keep it protected, and exactly how often yours needs sealing.

WELCOME

Getting to know quartzite

Quartzite forms when quartz-rich sandstone is transformed by intense heat and pressure deep in the earth. The result is one of the hardest natural stones used in kitchens—with the soft, flowing look many homeowners love in marble.

Very hard

Around 7 on the Mohs hardness scale—harder than a steel knife blade and highly scratch resistant.

Acid resistant

True quartzite does not etch from lemon, vinegar, wine, or tomato the way marble does.

Heat tolerant

Handles everyday kitchen heat well, though trivets are still recommended to protect seams and edges.

The one thing to know: porosity varies from stone to stone. Some quartzites are so dense they almost never absorb anything. Others are more open and will soak up oil or wine if the sealer wears down. That's why your sealing schedule depends on which quartzite you chose—see page 4.

CARE AT A GLANCE

Three habits. A lifetime of beauty.

EVERY DAY

Soap & water

Wipe with warm water and a few drops of mild, oil-free dish soap. Dry with a soft towel.

WEEKLY

Stone cleaner

A pH-neutral cleaner made for granite and natural stone lifts soap film and protects your sealer.

EVERY YEAR

Water test

A quick check that tells you when it's time to reseal. Your stone type sets the typical schedule.

CLEANING

Your cleaning routine

Daily cleaning

1. **Clear the surface**
   Wipe away crumbs and spills as they happen.

2. **Wash gently**
   Use warm water with a few drops of mild dish soap and a soft cloth or non-scratch sponge.

3. **Wipe dry**
   Dry with a paper towel or microfiber cloth to prevent water spots and soap film.

Weekly cleaning

Once a week, use a **pH-neutral "granite & stone" cleaner**, available at most grocery and hardware stores. It removes soap film and tougher spills without wearing down your sealer.

> **Check your soap label.** Some "natural," organic, or moisturizing soaps contain plant oils that can slowly darken more porous quartzites.

Safe to use

- ✓ Mild, oil-free dish soap and warm water
- ✓ pH-neutral cleaners labeled safe for granite or natural stone
- ✓ Soft cloths, microfiber, and non-scratch sponges

Avoid

- × Bleach, ammonia, vinegar, and citrus cleaners—they break down sealer
- × Glass, bathroom, and all-purpose sprays
- × Scouring powders, scrub pads, and melamine "erasers"
- × Stone polishes, waxes, and oil soaps

Rule of thumb: if a product doesn't say it's safe for granite or natural stone, don't use it on your countertops.

Why we skip "polish" products

Polishes leave a residue that builds up over time, trapping dirt and making the stone look dull. It can be removed, but it's far better to avoid.

Tiny pits are normal

Many quartzites are finished with a clear resin that fills natural pits. A few very small pits may reappear over time—it's a natural trait that doesn't affect durability.

SEALING

How often does your stone need sealing?

Every quartzite is sealed at installation. How long that protection lasts depends on the density of your particular stone.

LOWER MAINTENANCE · DENSE

Reseal less often

Taj Mahal · Cristallo · Madre Perla · Fusion

Tight, crystalline stones that naturally resist absorbing liquids.

Typical schedule: reseal every 3–5 years, or whenever the water test shows darkening.

HIGHER MAINTENANCE · POROUS

Reseal more often

White Macaubas · White Lux · Calacatta Macaubas · Azul Macaubas · Infinity White

More open stones—often bright whites and "Calacatta-look" quartzites—that can absorb oil and wine quickly when unprotected.

Typical schedule: reseal every 1–2 years. Water test every few months.

VARIES BY SLAB

Mont Blanc, Sea Pearl, Perla Venata and many other quartzites can be dense in one slab and more absorbent in the next. Treat them as higher maintenance until the water test tells you otherwise.

The water test

Place a few drops of water on a busy area—near the sink or cooktop—and watch.

Beads up	Darkens slowly	Darkens fast
After 15 minutes, no darkening. Your sealer is working.	Darkens after 5–15 minutes. Plan to reseal soon.	Darkens within a few minutes. Time to reseal—call us.

Don't see your stone listed?

Email **info@graniteproremodeling.com** or give us a call and we'll send you the proper sealing schedule for your countertops.

Resealing is covered

The GranitePro warranty program covers any necessary resealing for the first 3 years. Honed and leathered finishes may need sealing more often than polished.

EVERYDAY LIVING

Do's & don'ts

Quartzite is tough, but a few simple habits keep it looking brand new.

✓ Do

- ✓ **Clean daily** with mild, oil-free dish soap and warm water.
- ✓ **Use a cutting board**—quartzite is hard enough to dull your knives.
- ✓ **Keep oil bottles on a small plate** or tray when not in use.
- ✓ **Wipe up oil, wine, coffee, and juice promptly**, especially on porous stones.
- ✓ **Use coasters** under glasses and mugs.
- ✓ **Use trivets or hot pads** under hot pots, pans, and appliances.
- ✓ **Do the water test yearly**—every few months for porous stones.
- ✓ **Call GranitePro** with any questions or concerns.

✕ Don't

- ✕ **Leave oil or cooking messes** sitting overnight.
- ✕ **Use cleaners with bleach, ammonia, acids, or abrasives.**
- ✕ **Set hot cookware directly on the stone**—never over a seam.
- ✕ **Stand, kneel, or sit on countertops**, or put heavy weight on unsupported overhangs.
- ✕ **Strike edges and corners** with heavy pots or cast iron—edges can chip.
- ✕ **Leave fruit to ripen on the stone**—juices from overripe fruit can stain.
- ✕ **Try DIY stain or damage remedies.** Contact us first—we'll give you the right fix.

24h

The same-day rule

If it spilled today, clean it today. Oils and dark liquids only cause problems when they're left to sit—a quick wipe after cooking prevents nearly every stain.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Spills, spots & stains

Most marks on quartzite can be resolved. The first step is identifying what you're looking at.

WHAT YOU SEE	LIKELY CAUSE	WHAT TO DO
Dark spot or ring that doesn't fade	Cooking oil, grease, butter, lotion	STAIN Send us a photo. Usually removed with a poultice.
Brown, pink, or tan discoloration	Red wine, coffee, tea, fruit, food coloring	STAIN Send us a photo. Usually removed with a poultice.
Dark area that fades as it dries	Water from the sink or dishwashing	NORMAL If it happens often, it's time to reseal.
Dull or rough patch	Acid on a stone with carbonate minerals	ETCH Uncommon on true quartzite. Contact us so we can take a look.
Small chip on an edge	Impact from cookware or heavy items	Save the chip if you find it. We can repair most chips—call us.
Cloudy or hazy film	Soap buildup or polish residue	Clean with a pH-neutral stone cleaner. Call us if it persists.

Removing a stain, step by step

1 **Send us a photo**

Email a photo and a short note on what you think caused it to **info@graniteproremodeling.com**. We'll reply within 24 hours.

2 **Get the right product**

In most cases we'll recommend MB Stone Care Stain Reaper Poultice Paste and confirm it's right for your stain.

3 **Apply and wait 48 hours**

Spread a thick layer over the stain, extending slightly past its edges. Let it sit 48 hours until completely dry.

4 **Remove and inspect**

Gently wipe away the dried paste and clean any residue with your stone cleaner. The spot may look dark for a few hours while it dries. If any stain remains, repeat step 3.

RECOMMENDED PRODUCTS

What we recommend



CLEANER · WEEKLY

Stone Care International
Granite, Quartz & Stone Daily Cleaner

A pH-neutral spray that cleans and degreases sealed natural stone without leaving residue or wearing down your sealer.



STAIN REMOVER · AS NEEDED

MB Stone Care
Stain Reaper Poultice Paste

A ready-to-use poultice that draws oil and organic stains out of the stone. Please contact us before using it so we can confirm it's the right fix.

WE STAND BEHIND IT

We're here for the life of your countertops.

> *"If something isn't right, we'll make it right. Our relationship doesn't end on installation day."*

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