

GRANITE SHIELD

Maintenance and Cleaning instructions for surfaces sealed with Granite Shield.

For countertops and other surfaces: granite, marble, glass and stainless steel:

For glossy granite sealed with the Granite Shield process no specific cleaner is recommended. Over the counter granite cleaners or polishers aren't recommended or needed. Soap and water shouldn't be used because it can leave a dull, smeary, lifeless mess on your granite. Would you clean your glass window or glass shower door with soap and water? Harsh chemicals such as Ajax, Comet, CLR, Lime-Away, Tilex or Goo Gone should never be used on granite, any type of natural stone or anything sealed such as glass or grout. The secret to having the shiniest granite countertop is Granite Shield's Silicabright, Granite Kleen, Kleen N Shine and a clean microfiber towel called Shiny Granite Trio.

Unfortunately due to the increasing popularity of natural stone many over the counter natural stone cleaners and polishers and online natural stone cleaners and polishers are popping up on the market and some are not safe for natural stone and will cause you problems. It's getting to the point you can't even trust if the label says it's a neutral pH 7 *Caution some over the counter cleaners and polishers that say they are granite and marble cleaners and polishers contain mineral oil, wax and/or silicone and should not be used on granite sealed with Granite Shield.* Mineral oil left on granite (sealed or unsealed) long periods of time can change the color of the granite and discolor. Wax, plastic, acrylic and silicone can yellow, crack, peel or scratch and can leave a thin layer of film on your granite. *Cleaning products that contain such ingredients will void the Granite Shield warranty. Cleaning products that contain silicone, plastic, acrylic, wax and mineral oil or any type of oil is considered abuse to natural stone and improper care and maintenance.* If in areas where you clean your granite (sealed or unsealed) changes colors or discolors may indicate it was caused by cleaning products. Baby oil is mineral oil. Would you clean your granite with baby oil?

When cleaning your glossy granite sealed with the Granite Shield process think of your granite as glass. For glossy granite sealed with the Granite Shield process cleaners such as Windex with ammonia, Clorox bleach or a 50/50 solution of denatured alcohol and water with a clean microfiber towel is the best over the counter cleaners and the preferred cleaner is Granite Shield's Granite Kleen and Kleen N Shine with a clean microfiber towel. If you insist on using a granite cleaner then use Kleen N Shine, plus it's not just a granite cleaner but a multipurpose cleaner that you can use on basically anything but flooring. A clean microfiber towel on granite should always be used instead of a paper towel or terry cloth. For honed granite a neutral stone cleaner such as Granite Shield's Nustone Kleen and not required but preferred should use Granite Shield's Kleen N Shield and a white terry cloth towel. Use common sense when cleaning natural stone. When in doubt use Granite Shield's aftercare products or a neutral pH 7 stone cleaner sold at Home Depot or Lowes and a clean microfiber towel for natural stone.

Natural stone countertops such as marble, travertine and limestone a neutral stone cleaner such as Nustone Kleen along with Kleen N Shield, Kleen N Shine could be used. Harsh and/or abrasive or acidic chemicals or cleaners should never be used on these types of stones.

Honed or calcite based stones for the Granite Shield warranty to be valid need to use a neutral pH 7 neutral stone cleaner such as Granite Shield's Nustone Kleen and Granite Shield's Kleen N Shield at least once a month.

Glass, stainless steel and porcelain is under warranty for 5 years from the time of application. Glass, porcelain and stainless steel needs to be cleaned with the non abrasive cleaner Silicabright and non abrasive cleaning pad at least once a month along with Granite Shield's Kleen N Shine Repellent cleaner for warranty to be valid.



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Recommended cleaners are Granite Shield's Silicabright, Granite Kleen and Kleen N Shine. Do not use oil or mineral oil to clean stainless steel it causes fingerprinting and will void the Granite Shield warranty. Porcelain needs to be cleaned with a non abrasive cleaner such as Soft Scrub or Silicabright and non abrasive cleaning pad at least once a month along with Granite Shield's Kleen N Shine Repellent cleaner for warranty to be valid. The warranty is regarding repellency and to be easier to clean and not for staining. Includes porcelain toilets and sinks and sinks such as real granite, composite granite and engineered stone.

Maintenance and cleaning instructions for floors, grout and shower walls sealed with Granite Shield

Regular cleaning will be needed to keep floors looking new. Clean only with neutral pH 7 stone cleaner or Granite Shield's Nustone Kleen and for longer wear use Granite Shield's Kleen N Seal Rejuvenate cleaner. Flooring and grout sealed by an authorized Granite Shield applicator must be cleaned with a neutral stone cleaner and cleaned at least once a month with Granite Shield's Kleen N Seal Rejuvenate cleaner for warranty to be valid. Natural stone shower walls sealed by an authorized Granite Shield applicator has a 3 year warranty but must be maintained with a neutral stone cleaner and at least once a month cleaned with Granite Shield's Kleen N Shield cleaner for warranty to be valid. When washing floors, flooring and grout must be dried with a white terry cloth towel otherwise can leave dirt on the surface, streak from water or leave a residue. In areas grout has become dirty but not stained use Granite Shield's Kleen N Shield and a nylon bristle brush and dry with a clean white terry cloth towel.

Known Products Recommended Not to Use Once Sealed With Granite Shield

- 1. Marble & Granite Cleaner By Magic Contains mineral oil
- 2. Clorox Green Works Leaves a sticky residue
- 3. Any type of stainless steel cleaner for stainless steel containing mineral oil
- 4. Goo Gone products on natural stone
- 5. Cleaners that contain oil, silicone, plastic or wax
- 6. Tilex, Ajax, Lime-Away
- 7. Over the counter natural stone rejuvenators, refreshers, revitalizers and or polishers (not needed or recommended with the Granite Shield process and may contain mineral oil, silicone, plastic, acrylic or wax which Granite Shield products do not contain)

If in doubt just don't use over the counter granite or natural stone cleaners from stores or the internet.

All products are available online at www.GraniteShieldProducts.com. You may ask your Granite Shield applicator if they have it available to you.

By signing I acknowledge I have read and understand the warranty and cleaning procedures.

Granite Shield Customer's Signature Date Applicator Company Name & Phone Number

Customer Address Date Sealed Applicator Company Address

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