

## KC Kitchen Center Countertop Care and Maintenance Guide

	Marble	Granite	Quartz	Quartzite	Recycled Glass	Soapstone	Limestone
<b>Natural Stone?</b>	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
<b>Manmade?</b>	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
<b>Recommended for Countertops?</b>	Yes; Honed shows less scratching or etching	Yes	Yes	Yes; Honed or Leathered	Yes	Yes (but consult for maintenance and scratching)	No
<b>Weight per Square Foot</b>	16-18 lbs.	20-25 lbs.	20-25 lbs.	20 lbs.	16-18 lbs.	20-22 lbs.	18-20 lbs.
<b>Thickness</b>	3 cm (1.25")	3 cm (1.25")	3 cm (1.25")	3 cm (1.25")	3 cm (1.25")	3 cm (1.25")	3 cm (1.25")
<b>Scratch Resistant?</b>	No, marble will scratch	Yes, very scratch resistant	Yes, but use cutting boards or trivets	Somewhat, but use cutting boards or trivets	No	No, soapstone will scratch even with your fingernail	No
<b>Stain Resistant?</b>	No, use a good sealer	While some colors are, always use a sealer	Yes, but not impervious to staining	While some colors are, always use a sealer	Yes, but not impervious to staining	Yes, stain resistant but oils will change depth of color	No
<b>Heat Resistant?</b>	Somewhat, always use a trivet or hot pad	Yes	Yes, up to 360° so we recommend using a trivet	Somewhat, always use a trivet or hot pad	No	Yes	No
<b>Recommended Sealer</b>	10 Year	10 Year	N/A	10 Year	N/A	Mineral Oil	10 Year
<b>Daily Care</b>	Warm, soapy water (we use blue Dawn dish detergent) or glass cleaner WITHOUT ammonia for all countertop materials.						
<b>Weekly Maintenance</b>	All-In-One Stone Care or DuPont Revitalizer (available at KC Kitchen Center)	All-In-One Stone Care or DuPont Revitalizer (available at KC Kitchen Center)	All-In-One Stone Care or DuPont Revitalizer (available at KC Kitchen Center)	All-In-One Stone Care or DuPont Revitalizer (available at KC Kitchen Center)	All-In-One Stone Care or DuPont Revitalizer (available at KC Kitchen Center)	None necessary	All-In-One Stone Care or DuPont Revitalizer (available at KC Kitchen Center)
<b>Periodic Maintenance</b>	Same as weekly	Same as weekly	Same as weekly	Same as weekly	Same as weekly	Apply mineral oil to tops, allow to sit up to an hour and remove excess.	Same as weekly

<b>Spills</b>	Wipe up acidic liquids like lemon juice or soft drinks right away to prevent etching. Use a soft cloth (microfiber or Swedish dish cloth) and remove spills as soon as they occur.	Use a soft cloth (microfiber or Swedish dish cloth) to remove spills as soon as they occur.	Use a soft cloth (microfiber or Swedish dish cloth) to remove spills as soon as they occur.	Wipe up acidic liquids like lemon juice or soft drinks right away to prevent etching. Use a soft cloth (microfiber or Swedish dish cloth) and remove spills as soon as they occur.	Use a soft cloth (microfiber or Swedish dish cloth) to remove spills as soon as they occur.	Use a soft cloth (microfiber or Swedish dish cloth) to remove spills as soon as they occur.	Wipe up acidic liquids like lemon juice or soft drinks right away to prevent etching. Use a soft cloth (microfiber or Swedish dish cloth) and remove spills as soon as they occur.
<b>Stain Removal</b>	Determine if spot is a stain or an etch. If the top is etched, seek professional help for restoration. If it is stained, start by using warm soapy water (blue Dawn) to gently scrub the surface. If this does not work use the BarKeeper's Friend and a light touch. If the stain remains, visit <a href="http://www.naturalstoneinstitute.com">www.naturalstoneinstitute.com</a> for further advice.	Always start with a mild cleaner (blue Dawn or BarKeeper's Friend). You can also try a Magic Eraser sponge for tough grime. For hard water spots, mix a capful of white vinegar in about 2 cups of warm water and scrub gently. If the stain remains, visit <a href="http://www.naturalstoneinstitute.com">www.naturalstoneinstitute.com</a> for further advice.	Always start with a mild cleaner (blue Dawn or glass cleaner without ammonia. Because this is a manufactured surface, ALWAYS consult the care and maintenance section of the manufacturer's website before trying any other cleaner as they may damage the finish and/or void your warranty.	Determine if spot is a stain or an etch. If the top is etched, seek professional help for restoration. If it is stained, start by using warm soapy water (blue Dawn) to gently scrub the surface. If this does not work use the BarKeeper's Friend and a light touch. If the stain remains, visit <a href="http://www.naturalstoneinstitute.com">www.naturalstoneinstitute.com</a> for further advice.	Always start with a mild cleaner (blue Dawn or glass cleaner without ammonia. Because this is a manufactured surface, ALWAYS consult the care and maintenance section of the manufacturer's website before trying any other cleaner as they may damage the finish and/or void your warranty.	Soapstone is inherently stain resistant. It is more likely an oil from makeup, handprints, cooking oil, etc. Clean as normal and just know this is part of the beautiful patina you can expect as soapstone ages.	Determine if spot is a stain or an etch. If the top is etched, seek professional help for restoration. If it is stained, start by using warm soapy water (blue Dawn) to gently scrub the surface. If this does not work use the BarKeeper's Friend and a light touch. If the stain remains, visit <a href="http://www.naturalstoneinstitute.com">www.naturalstoneinstitute.com</a> for further advice.

## Additional Notes

**Marble:** We recommend honed marble for a beautiful old-world kitchen. Polished marble will scratch and etch. Honing helps to hide this unavoidable part of the patina or aging process. NEVER use acidic or harsh cleaners as they can cause damage that requires professional repair. Please do not sit or stand on your marble countertops.

**Granite:** While extremely durable, granite can be scratched by another piece of granite and/or chipped if hit by a heavy object. Please do not stand or sit on your granite countertops.

**Quartz:** While extremely durable, quartz can be scratched or chipped if hit by a heavy object. Heat higher than 360° F could cause an irreparable scorch mark, so trivets or hot pads are recommended. Please do not stand or sit on your quartz countertops.

**Quartzite:** We recommend honed or leathered quartzite for a beautiful old-world kitchen. Polished quartzite could scratch and etch. Honing helps to hide this unavoidable part of the patina or aging process. NEVER use acidic or harsh cleaners as they can cause damage that requires professional repair. Please do not sit or stand on your quartzite countertops.

**Recycled Glass:** While fairly durable, recycled glass can be scratched or chipped if hit by a heavy object. Heat higher than 360° F could cause an irreparable scorch mark, so trivets or hot pads are recommended. Please do not stand or sit on your recycled glass countertops.

**Soapstone:** Soapstone is the epitome of old-world beauty when it comes to countertops. Talk about farmhouse chic! Soapstone is inherently stain resistant, will not scorch or etch but IS GOING TO SCRATCH, and will arrive from your fabricator with scratches. Do your research before you choose this countertop option and then enjoy the ride while you watch it age and patina with grace and charm. Please do not sit or stand on your soapstone countertops.

**Limestone:** We do not recommend limestone for residential indoor use on countertops.