



Tesora Granite Countertops by Contigno are the product of millions of years and as such, can be damaged with the use of unsuitable cleaning products that have not been approved for use on stone surfaces. For Contigno's Limited Lifetime Warranty to remain valid, your countertops must be cared for in accordance with this guide. Natural stone is composed of delicate minerals which can react to cleaning products and can erode the sealant or the dull the shine of your finish. Products that should never be used on granite include, but are not limited to vinegar, many store-bought cleaning products, glass cleaners, dishwashing detergents, generic neutral cleaners, degreasers and acidic cleaners. It is crucial to always use pH neutral cleaners that have been specifically formulated for natural stone.

REGULAR CLEANING + MAINTENANCE

- When wiping the surface of your granite countertops, always use a soft, nonabrasive cloth and a PH-neutral stone cleaner.
- Spills should be wiped up immediately, including water.
- Do not use household cleaning products that contain acid or ammonia on your countertop surface or products such as bathroom cleaners, grout cleaners or tub and tile cleaners.
- Do not use vinegar or lemon juice as cleaners.
- Avoid the use of abrasive cleaners, cloths, or scrubbing pads.
- Chemical spills or substances such as bleach or drain cleaner should be wiped up immediately.
- Do not use polishes or waxes that were not exclusively designed for granite.
- Appliances such as deep fryers, rotisseries, or toaster ovens should never be used directly on the countertops. High heat temperatures and the splatters from hot oil can damage granite.
- Water around faucets should be wiped up daily to prevent the development of calcification which can leave a white cast. (Using a neutral cleaner once a week can clear away buildup)
- To regularly refresh your granite's polish and shine, we recommend a monthly application with a product formulated specifically for granite polish and cleaning.
- Restore your granite's waterproof seal annually or every three years depending on how heavily your countertops are used, or, as often as the sealing product manufacturer recommends. *(continued)*

- Countertops should not be abused. Abuse is defined as but not limited to, use and cooking, especially with oil or grease, that is beyond the expected and normal use of a kitchen countertop.
- Do not drop items nor place heavy-weight objects on the countertop surface.
- Never sit or stand on granite countertops.

TYPE	PRODUCTS NOT APPROVED FOR STONE	EFFECT
Acids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drano, CLR, Vinegar, Alcoholic beverages • Lime Away, Kaboom, Zep- will eat marble and take shine away immediately • Most household/bathroom cleaners 	Chemicals will burn and dull stone
Alkalis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windex, 409, Fantastic, Strippers, Degreasers, Ammonia • Most household cleaning products 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attacks color minerals of stone. • Black stones will turn gray over time
Soap & Water		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soap leaves a film. • Water leaves mineral deposits. • Both cause dulling.
Bleach & Water		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removes color from stone which can never be recreated.
Oil based	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Murphy's Oil Soap • Pine Sol 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stains and darkens stone over time. • Creates slippery surface. • Leaves a filmy haze on stone.