

# Dark Tropical Brown Granite - darker area?

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Hi - I recently had Dark Tropical Brown granite installed. I had some things on the counter, a phone book, and when I picked them up - a part of the countertop seemed darker than the rest. I felt the bottom of the phone book and it seemed damp - possibly water. Within 24 hours, the one spot seemed to have cleared up, however the other still seems darker. Actually, this was an area next to where the phone book was, so I am unsure if anything was actually there. So, if this was in fact water, how long would it take to dry completely to be the color like the rest of the stone? It only has been a day like this, and was wondering if I should be giving it more time. Or could this been this way from when it was installed and I just didnt notice it - and it is normal? Thanks!!

Dear John:

If it were water it should have evaporated completely by now. So whether is a natural discoloration of the stone, or it is something that will require longer to evaporate (oil, for instance) it's impossible for me to tell without any visual aid.

Of course, if the stone was not sealed by your fabricator/installer you should consider applying a good-quality stone impregnating sealer like MB-4 to it, although if you leave something damp sitting on your countertop overnight you will always experience some staining.

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