

Marble table top with water marks

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I had water marks on my marble table top. I wiped them up with a dry towel, however the large ring is still there. When I called the furniture company they told me to use vinegar, so I did. Now my entire table is dull and still shows large water ring. HELP!!! What do I do?

Dear Tina:

There's no such a thing like a water ring. All the "water stains" you have on your stone are marks of corrosions (etchings) made by various acidic or other pH active liquids that became in contact with the surface of the stone, i.e.: drinks, vinegar, salad dressing, lemon juice, tomato sauce, orange juice, some generic cleaning product and so on through a long list. There's no product on the marketplace " sealer or what-have-you " that could prevent such surface-damages from happening. You will need the services of a bona fide stone restoration contractor, who will have to hone and re-finish your stone. Obviously, having used vinegar to "clean" those "stains" only added fuel to the fire.

The restoration will cost you a pretty penny, so you do this: you call the furniture company again and speak with the same person who told you to use vinegar. Put him or her on a speakerphone and have two witnesses (possibly not relatives) listening in. Ask again " just to make sure " that you have to use vinegar to remove your "water rings" and when the person will confirm that, you can have the store pay for the restoration of your marble table top. And if they resist, Small Claim Court is cheap, quick, and does not require an attorney. Just bring in your two witnesses, a small pice of the same marble (you can get a little scrp for free at any fabrication shop) and little bottle of white vinegar.

Got it?... J

May I ask you now to please read and e-sign our Statement of Purpose at: <http://www.marblecleaning.org/purpose.htm>?

Ciao and good luck,

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