

# Do I need to seal bianco romano countertop?

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My sister has a verde butterfly countertop, and I just read your post saying that an impregnator is totally unnecessary for that, so will advise her to not use such again. Does my bianco romano countertop need to have impregnator applied? The fabricator told us both to use the impregnator. PS: Recently had to remove strawberry stains from my countertop, and your literature on removing stains was extremely helpful!

Dear Debbie:

If your slab was resined by the factory, it may not need to be sealed. In its natural state, however, Bianco Romano is on the absorbent side and does need to be sealed.

The fact that you had to remove a strawberry stain from your countertop suggests that it needs to be sealed, although the simple fact of having an occasional stain doesn't always necessarily mean that. Stains can occur on sealed stones, too, if enough time is given to the staining agent to sink in. To find out if your countertop can take any impregnator in, do this: Spill some water in a couple of spots of your stone, let it dwell for 5 minutes or so, wipe it dry and observe if the areas under which the water has been sitting have become (temporarily) any darker than the rest. If so, then you will apply a good-quality impregnating sealer. If not, you won't.

Now remember, it's never too early to think about the proper maintenance of your stone. **The issue of what you'll be doing day in and day out to your stone is "as it should be intuitive" vastly more important than its sealing** (if and when possible and/or advisable) and it's all too often neglected. As you can tell by reading many of this site's postings, you're not likely to get good information about routine care from your dealer or installer. Don't become another statistic! By logging into the Helpful Hints section of our website at: [http://www.mbstone.com/HH\\_promo/helpful\\_hints.htm](http://www.mbstone.com/HH_promo/helpful_hints.htm), you will be able to get the short version of our maintenance guidelines at no charge. The full version of it "a 7-page document considered by many as an industry benchmark" is available in pay-per-download format in our Educational Literature section at: <http://www.mbstone.com/literature/literature.htm>.

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Ciao and good luck,

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