

# Travertine and Granite Sealing

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I have a new house with Granite counters in the kitchen with travertine counters and tile in the bathrooms. Do I need to seal these surfaces? I know they sealed the tile on the floor in the shower, but the counter in the bathrooms seem rough surfaced and the tiles seem smoother. What about The granite counters? Thanks, Todd

Dear Todd:

Do I need to seal these surfaces?

How would I know?... You don't say which granite or marble you have. How about if it's a granite that can't be technically sealed? And how about if it was made out of resined slab? And how about if the installer already sealed it?... There's only one way to find out:

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 like MB-4. If not, you won't. That applies to any other stone you have in your house.

That said, remember: ***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 it from your dealer or installer. Don't become another statistic! By logging into the Helpful Hints section of our website at: <http://www.marblecleaning.org/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.marblecleaning.org/literature.htm> .

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