

How to care for granite countertop

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Can you tell me the best way to clean and care for my brown fish granite. Also, should I seal it? Thank you.

Dear Joanne:

I'm not really familiar with your particular stone, but it will not require a type of maintenance any different than any other stone. Starting from the sealing, it much depends on the natural density of the stone and on whether or not your slab had been resined by the factory. There's an easy way to find out if your countertop can take any impregnator (a.k.a. sealer) in:

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.

What is vastly more important than the sealing (if and when possible and/or advisable) is “as it should be intuitive” **the issue of what you'll be doing day in and day out to your stone**, which is 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.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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Thank you

Ciao and good luck,

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