

# Black granite grave marker

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How do I remove hard water stains from a black granite grave marker and is there anything that can be placed on the marker to prevent them from returning? The granite does shine when wet. Thanks

Dear Shawna:

In the stone world there is only one instance, and one instance only, when the perceived problem always correspond to the real problem: when a piece of stone is broken.

In all other instances, the perceived problem may correspond to the actual one, but then again it may not.

Having said that, *if* your problem is **really** hard-water staining (and, under the circumstances, good chances are that it is), then MB-3, after removing the worst with a razor or blade, will do the job for you. But if it is something else that just looks like hard-water staining (acid etching, efflorescence), then it's a different problem and, consequently, the solution would be different. If MB-3 fails, most likely you will need the services of a bona-fide stone restoration contractor.

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Ciao and good luck,

Maurizio Bertoli

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