

# marble countertops

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Mario, I had marble installed on my 10,000 sq. ft. house...you can imagine how much marble! nobody warned me that citrus juice will stain. Although the color is still there, there are circular dull spots which drive me NUTS when the light shows them. What can I do?

Dear Scott:

Mario is not available at the moment but I will try to do my best to answer your query for him. J

• What can I do? •

Make friends with a local stone restoration contractor.

Of course you will also send a heartfelt thank-you note to the • knowledgeable • merchants who went along with your project without warning you about the consequences. Welcome to the stone industry!

And, BTW, it is not just citrus acid that will etch your marble on contact: any acid that you can think of: acetic, phosphoric, lactic, etc., etc., etc., will produce the same result.

My best piece of advice is to have your countertops professionally hone-finished with a good-quality honing powder at no more than 150 grit. Being that the entire thing will be dull, the acid etching will not be so noticeable and easier to repair with some good ol' metal-grade sand paper: something that any handy person could do in a few minutes.

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:

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Thank you

Ciao and good luck,

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