

## YDL Stone Natural Stone Care & Maintenance Guide

### About Natural Stone

Natural stone is a unique material formed by nature over millions of years. Each slab has its own natural variations in colour, veining, texture, and movement. These characteristics are not defects but part of the beauty and individuality of natural stone. With correct care and maintenance, natural stone surfaces supplied by YDL Stone can provide a long term of performance and enjoyment.

### General Care Guidelines (All Natural Stone)

#### Daily & Routine Cleaning

- Use lukewarm water with a pH-neutral cleaner or mild dish soap
- Wipe with a soft cloth, sponge, or microfibre towel
- Rinse thoroughly with clean water to remove residue
- Dry with a soft cloth to prevent streaking or water marks

#### What to Avoid

- Abrasive powders, creams, or scouring pads
- Acidic or alkaline cleaners (vinegar, lemon, bleach, ammonia)
- Harsh chemicals or solvent-based cleaners
- Leaving spills unattended

#### Spill Management

- Clean spills immediately to reduce the risk of staining
- Blot spills rather than wiping to prevent spreading
- Oils, wine, coffee, citrus, and coloured liquids should be treated with extra care

### Stone Care Essentials (Highly Recommended)

- Always use coasters under glasses, especially for wine, alcohol, citrus drinks, and soft drinks
- Use chopping boards when cutting or preparing food
- Place heat mats or trivets under hot cookware
- Avoid dropping heavy objects on stone surfaces
- Do not sit or stand on benchtops

### Sealing & Ongoing Maintenance

All natural stone is porous to some degree and benefits from sealing.

#### Sealing Guidelines

- Sealing helps reduce absorption, not prevent it entirely
- Sealing frequency depends on stone type, finish, and usage
- Benchtops generally require more frequent sealing than wall cladding

#### Simple Water Test

1. Place a few drops of water on the stone surface
2. If water beads, the seal is effective
3. If water darkens or absorbs into the stone, resealing is recommended

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Consult your stonemason or stone care professional for sealing products and schedules suitable for your specific stone.

**Stone-Specific Care**

**Marble**

Marble is a classic and luxurious stone prized for its veining and elegance. It is softer and more porous than many other stones.

**Key Characteristics**

- Softer stone
- Susceptible to etching from acids
- Develops a natural patina over time

**Care Notes**

- Use only pH-neutral cleaners
- Wipe spills immediately
- Expect natural etching and wear as part of the stone’s character
- Regular sealing is strongly recommended

**Best Applications**

- Bathrooms
- Feature walls
- Fireplaces
- Low to moderate-use benchtops

**Dolomite**

Dolomite offers the visual appeal of marble with improved density and durability.

**Key Characteristics**

- Denser and less porous than marble
- Higher resistance to scratching and staining

**Care Notes**

- Clean with mild soap or stone-safe cleaners
- Avoid acidic substances
- Seal annually or as required based on use

**Best Applications**

- Kitchen benchtops
- Bathroom vanities
- Splashbacks and wall cladding

**Quartzite**

Quartzite combines marble-like aesthetics with granite-level hardness.

**Key Characteristics**

- Very hard and durable
- Excellent scratch and heat resistance
- Porosity varies by slab

**Care Notes**

- Clean with pH-neutral stone cleaners
- Promptly wipe spills
- Seal as required, particularly in wet areas

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### Best Applications

- Kitchen benchtops
- High-traffic areas
- Indoor and covered outdoor applications

### Granite

Granite is one of the most durable natural stones available.

### Key Characteristics

- High hardness and strength
- Excellent resistance to heat and scratching

### Care Notes

- Simple cleaning with mild soap and water
- Periodic sealing recommended
- Suitable for heavy daily use

### Best Applications

- Kitchen benchtops
- Commercial applications
- Outdoor kitchens (subject to finish)

### Flooring & Cladding Care

- Sweep or dust-mop regularly to remove grit and sand
- Avoid abrasive dirt build-up, which can scratch surfaces
- Use mats at entrances to reduce tracking of debris
- Clean spills promptly

### Important Notes & Disclaimer

- Natural stone is a living material and will change over time
- Variation in colour, veining, and texture is inherent
- Sealing does not make stone stain-proof
- Improper use, harsh cleaners, or incorrect installation may void warranties

YDL Stone recommends consulting qualified stonemasons, installers, and stone care professionals for project-specific advice.

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