

# COMPACT SURFACE CARE & MAINTENANCE



## Congratulations on your new countertop!

Understanding how to properly care for your new countertop will help you protect your stone investment for years to come. To keep any surface looking good, you want to make sure you are taking the proper precautions and preventing any potential damage. Beyond buying proper cleaning products, below are tips you can implement to clean your countertop based on the material you have in your home.

## Universal Cleaning Tips

- Clean surfaces with a soft cloth using a mild liquid soap and warm water to remove most residues.
- For stubborn stains, use a soft non-abrasive bristled brush and scrub lightly.
- Too much cleaner or soap may leave a film and cause streaks. To remove soap scum, use a non-acidic soap scum remover. Rinse and towel dry surface to prevent spotting.
- To prevent staining, any spills, dirt, grease or oils should be wiped up quickly to reduce the chance of a stain forming.

## Daily Cleaning of Compact Surface

Compact surface is maintenance-free, resistant to heat and stains. To disinfect compact surface countertops, ammonia-based cleaners are acceptable. There also are a variety of compact surface cleaning sprays available at most home supply centers.

## Protection Tips

While the benefits of countertop materials vary based on material type, we recommend you keep the following protection tips in mind with daily use:

- Do not place hot items out of the oven or stove directly on the stone surface. Additionally, heat generating appliances, such as slow cookers, can cause some stones to become discolored or crack. Always protect your top by placing a trivet or hot pad to allow for airflow under the hot item.
- Avoid chopping or slicing directly on the stone countertop to prevent scratches and dulling your knives. Always use a cutting board.
- Use placemats and coasters to protect your surface from discoloration and staining.
- Do not stand or sit on stone countertops. Some stones may crack when excessive weight is applied.

If you have any additional questions about cleaning your compact surface countertop, please contact Cutting Edge Countertops.

