



Caring for Natural Stone Sinks & Bathtubs

Maintaining Natural Stone

To keep your natural stone sink and bathtub in 'like new' condition, we recommend following a few, very simple procedures...

- First, rinse your sink or bathtub with water after each use and dry with a soft cloth.
- Next, give your stone sink and bathtub a periodic cleaning with a very *mild* soap.
- Third, reapply a high-quality protective sealant to your sink and bathtub on an 'as needed' basis.
- And finally, *always* avoid using acid-based cleaners and abrasive products on your stone sink and bathtub. These items can scratch the surface of natural stone and may cause damage.

By following these simple recommendations, your natural stone sink and bathtub will continue to look as beautiful after 5, 10 even 50 years of use as it did on the day it was first installed in your home!

Hard Water Areas

If you live in an area where the mineral content in your water is high, it's especially important to dry your sink and bathtub with a soft cloth after each use. When 'hard' water is left to stand, minerals in the water accumulate and begin to form deposits on the stone. Once that happens, the residue may be difficult to clean and may even require a specially formulated poultice, or the help of a qualified stone professional to remove it.

Protective Sealant

To maintain their beautiful, natural look, our stone sinks and bathtubs are coated with an impregnating sealant when they leave our shop. The sealant is designed to prevent the sink and tub from absorbing anything that may cause staining, however it does lose its effectiveness over time and will need to be reapplied.

How often should you apply a new coat of sealant? On an 'as needed' basis. A good rule of thumb is once a year, however you may need to reseal the stone with more or less frequency depending on use. The best way to test whether or not it's time for a new coat of sealant is to notice if the water 'beads up' on the surface or soaks into the stone. If water no longer 'beads up', it's time to consider resealing.

Cleaning Your Natural Stone Sink & Bathtub

A regularly scheduled cleaning with a very gentle soap is all that is needed to keep natural stone sinks and bathtubs looking their best. **To clean...** use a soft, nonabrasive cloth, mild soap, warm water and gently wipe the interior and exterior of the stone. Rinse thoroughly with clean water and wipe the stone dry with a soft, clean cloth.

Warning! *Housekeepers are trained to scrub and polish and often use a variety of abrasive cleansing agents when cleaning kitchens and baths. This practice may cause them to unintentionally damage the stone. To avoid any problems, please educate your housekeeper on the proper way to clean stone sinks and tubs.*

One Final Note... for your kitchen and vegetable prep sinks!

All acid based foods and/or food items... lemons, tomatoes, mustard, pineapple, vinegar, wine, etc... have the potential to stain and/or damage natural stone. To avoid staining, it is best to leave water running while working with products and foods of this nature. And, be sure to thoroughly rinse your sink clean immediately after each use.

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