

# **CARE & MAINTENANCE** **NATURAL STONE**





Stone Connection has several beautiful stone collections which all share the excellence of quality our customers have come to expect. Our range of styles and colours can be adapted for applications such as kitchen countertops, bathroom vanities, backsplashes, wall cladding and flooring.

### **Should you seal your Natural Stone countertop?**

We would always recommend sealing any natural stone countertops as a result of all natural material being permeable. We suggest that you also contact your trusted installer for advice.

Marbles are generally more porous than granites and might need additional care. However, we recommend sealing all natural stone. A properly done sealing will not only keep your surfaces resistant for decades, but will ensure bacterial free and highly hygienic environment in your home.

### **Sealing Ensures**

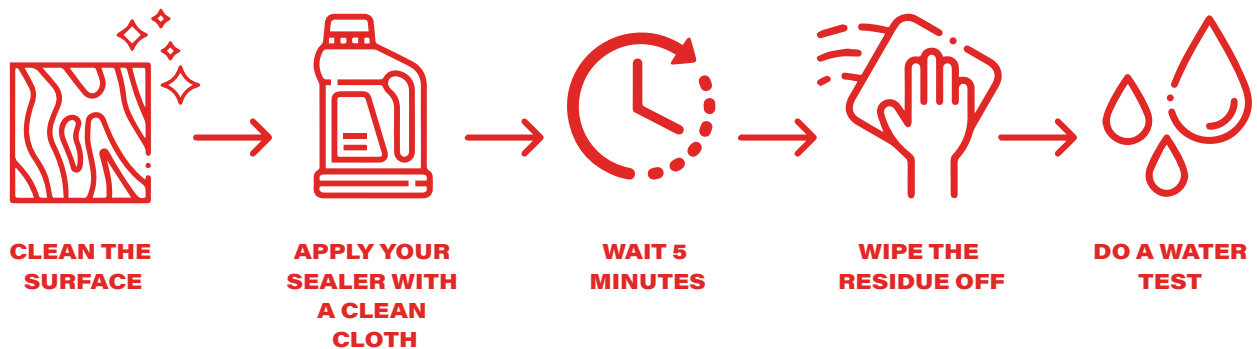
<b>SEALING STONE'S POROSITY</b>	<b>BACTERIA FREE</b>
	<b>ACID STAIN RESISTANCE</b>
	<b>MAINTAIN THE STONE'S NATURAL BEAUTY</b>

### **How to DIY seal your natural stone countertop or wall cladding?**

Read and follow the instructions recommended on your sealant product, as use and time may vary.

Depending on your type of Natural Stone, we recommend sealing it with a good quality sealer once every 3-6 months or depending on a water test. Make sure the surface of the stone is clean, free from dust or any oily marks, and dry. Once your surface is clean and dry you can apply your sealer. You will need a cloth or sponge to apply the sealer and a clean cloth dry cloth to wipe dry after application of sealer.

You have to apply the sealer onto your Natural Stone surfaces and wait approximately 5 minutes. Then with your secondary dry cloth you wipe the residue off the surface of the stone. Do a water test after sealing to see whether another coat of sealer is needed. Make sure that you do not seal any stains into your material.



### **How to clean your Natural stone?**

When cleaning your Natural stone be it granite, marble, sandstone or onyx make sure your detergent is mild and not too harsh. Stay away from detergents with ammonia or any strong acidic chemicals.

For day-to-day cleaning, we recommend using a stone care cleaner alternatively a mixture of water and dishwashing detergent. Strong chemicals and solvents tend to damage the stone. Avoid prolonged rubbing in one spot when cleaning.