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**A.** Granite countertops will give you a lifetime of easy to maintain elegance if you use the right products. Don't use the wrong products. Be sure that you follow some simple guidelines. It is always best to use quality products designated safe for natural stone. See our [Stone and Tile Care Guide](#) or contact your professional stone and tile restoration contractor. If you need a PRO, [contact us](#).

A couple of important tips: Avoid products that contain soap as you don't want any film to build up, and even with good rinsing, it's very hard to remove every trace of soap. Use a pH neutral or slightly alkaline product, diluted for most areas and in stronger concentration where needed, around stoves, etc. Polish your countertops occasionally, no more than once a week, with a good quality stone polish for extra shine and protection.

Have your countertops been sealed? If not, and you have determined that they need to be you will want to consult with a professional stone and tile restoration contractor to apply an appropriate sealer right away. You can [contact us](#) if you need a PRO and do not yet have one.

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