

# How Often Do You Need To Seal Granite?

Granite is a unique and natural material that is extremely durable, resistant to high temperatures, and easy to clean. However, granite can stain and warp over time if it is not maintained. In order to protect your granite countertops from losing its aesthetic beauty, it must be sealed.

Granite is first sealed by the fabricator before it is installed in your home. Once it's installed, maintenance is the homeowner's responsibility.

## Note:

Some experts will recommend sealing granite countertops every "6-12 months" or "3-5 years", but **there is no hard and fast rule.**

The frequency of sealing granite depends on the absorbency and porosity of the stone. Usually, the lighter the stone, the more often it needs sealing. But, not all granites are the same, and applying sealer automatically, on a set schedule or "just to be safe" is not a smart way to do it. When sealer is applied too soon and it can't absorb properly, it may leave a haze on the surface that can be difficult to remove.

## **So, when should my new countertop be sealed??**

To figure out when your granite countertop should be resealed, it's best to test the granite first to see if resealing is absolutely necessary –

### ◆ Water Test ◆

Sprinkle three drops of water on the granite. If the granite darkens and absorbs the water within four minutes or less, the counters need to be resealed. This test should be done every few months to truly see how often you should reseal your countertops.

## Tip:

Try the water test again after the sealer has been applied. This will help determine if the surface has been effectively sealed or if a second or third coat is needed.

