



MARBLE COUNTERTOPS

DATE: _____

JOB: _____

Marble Information:

Marbles are made up primarily of calcite crystal. Due to their mineralogical makeup, all marbles are vulnerable to either abrasion or chemical attack. Scratching could occur from common kitchen utensils. Lemon juice, tomatoes, vinegar and any other acidic solutions would etch the surface, removing the polish on the stone. Although red wine is the most commonly feared liquid near a marble kitchen, foods that have both acidic and oily qualities are usually more harmful because the oil acts as a carrier into the stone. Salad dressings and marinades are common culprits.

The use of abrasive cleaners must be avoided for the same reason-no bleach or ammonia based products should be used. There are many marble friendly natural stone products on the market. If you have someone come in to clean your home, be sure that they are only using the products that you provide, not the strong chemical based commercial cleansers typically used. Because of the high absorption rate of most marbles, a sealer should be applied to help slow the rate of water and stain absorption into the stone. Depending on the life to the sealer, it will need to be reapplied periodically. Sealers are readily available on the market and can be easily applied by the homeowner. However, many homeowners have a misconception about stone sealers. Even though a stone is sealed, it does not mean that it is an impervious surface. The sealer can help slow the absorption process, but it does not mean that no staining will occur. Although sealers have improved in recent years, there is not a product that will completely protect marble from staining or etching. It is simply a characteristic of the stone that this will occur.

Waiver:

I understand the above information and am requesting the use of marble as my countertop surface. I understand that marble may vary in color, veining, and other characteristics. Quantity and location of seams is at the discretion of Surface One, Inc. I understand that sealer/impregnator will be applied by Surface One, Inc., but this is no guarantee against staining. I also understand that marble is a natural product that may contain imperfections and that there is no warranty on the stone.

Authorized Signature:
