



**GRANITE  
WAREHOUSE®**

presents the

**Daily Maintenance -  
Do's and Don'ts  
for  
Marble, Granite  
and Engineered Stone**

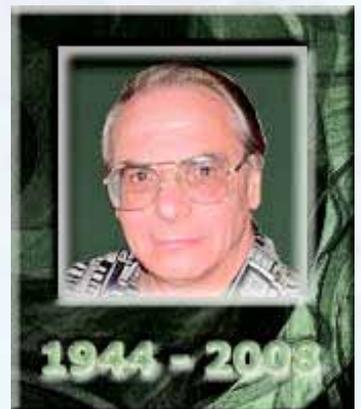
for the successful maintenance of your stoneware



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**Maurizio Bertoli, MB Stone Restoration and Supply Inc.**

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# General

Congratulations on your new investment and adopting a part of mother nature. Here are a few basic do's and don'ts for you to follow so you keep new material looking as good as the day you first installed it.

My name is Mark Tomeo. I have been the owner of Granite Warehouse since 1996 and have produced this booklet to help you look after your new investment. I have seen so many expensive mistakes made by customers who do not know how to clean and maintain their Marble, Granite or Engineered Stone products, no matter where or what the application for which it is being used.

The chemical make-up of rocks and marble can be unpredictable, so it is important to use the appropriate products.

- **DON'T** use home-brewed concoctions such as “water and dish soap” or “water and vinegar” to clean natural stone installations.
- **DON'T** use generic cleaning products such as “glass cleaner”, “mould removers” or “household cleaners” unless their labels specify that they are safe to use on natural Marble. (Be careful of the wording “Cultured Marble” as this is a man-made plastic and NOT a natural marble.)
- **DON'T** listen to the advice of friends and relatives, they usually do not know stone and, amazingly, neither do some trade people involved with stone.
- **DO** use cleaning agents that are specifically formulated to deal with the unforeseeable makeup of natural material.
- **DO** use a quality sealer if your material requires it. Not all natural granites need to be sealed but, if they do, consider **MB Stone Care MB-4 Impregnator for Stone**.

If you're not sure ask your stonemason or give Granite Warehouse a call (08) 9209 2620 and we can let you know if, and when, you should apply a sealer.



# Kitchen Countertops

- **DO** clean daily, using a specialty product for stone such as **MB Stone Care MB-5 Marble, Granite and More Spray Cleaner**. Use it full strength on benchtops, on all cooking and eating areas. It is also great on stainless steel and glass - the perfect all-rounder!  
It is a ready-to-use, streak-free powerful cleaner designed to clean grease and other food soil from you benchtops effectively and effortlessly.
- **DO** use **MB Stone Care MB-13 Stone Polish** to occasionally “brighten up” your shiny countertop. It coats the surface of the benchtop with an extra thin layer of specially selected waxes to give your polished Granite, Marble or Engineered Stone that extra brightness. All of its components are rated “food grade”.



# Vanity Tops

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- **DO** use **MB Stone Care MB-13 Stone Polish** for some extra shine. It will brighten up your top and provide it with extra protection.  
It coats the surface of the benchtop with an extra thin layer of specially selected waxes to give your polished Granite, Marble or Engineered Stone that extra brightness. All of its components are rated “food grade”.



# Floors

- **DO** vacuum or dust prior to your weekly wash and clean.
- **DO** use a quality pH balanced cleaner like **MB Stone Care MB-1 Marble, Granite and More Floor Cleaner**. **MB-1** is a balanced NO-RINSE formulation that effortlessly cleans soil and grime and dries with out streaks! Special inorganic salts in the formula act as moisturisers and optical brighteners, enhancing the shine and finish of the floor. It also works just as well on timber, porcelain and ceramic. Another perfect all-rounder!
- **DO** use **MB Stone Care MB-2 Heavy Duty Stone, Tile & Grout Cleaner** for that “once in a while birthday clean” It is an excellent product for heavy-duty soiling conditions and built-up grime that the power of **MB-1** is not quite enough. Highly concentrated and powerful, it cleans the toughest grime effortlessly and efficiently. Concentrate on those grout lines when using and they will come up near new.



**Note:** **MB-2** is NOT a rinse-free formula and will need to be neutralized or rinsed with **MB-1** after use.

# Shower Stalls

- **DON'T** use generic household cleaners if they are not designed to be used on Natural Granite, Marble or Engineered Stone.
- **DO** rinse your shower stall after use and then use a quality squeegee to wipe down the walls, this will minimise soap scum and hard water mineral build up.
- **DO** use neutral Ph liquid body soaps as well, this will also minimise soap scum build up.
- **DO** clean weekly using a scrubbing tool like the beaver hand tool with a white buffing pad in conjunction with a specialty product for Marble, Granite or Engineered Stone such as **MB Stone Care MB-5 Marble, Granite and More Spray Cleaner** full-strength and then wipe down with a Micro Fibre cloth.
- **DO** treat your shower walls only with **MB Stone Care MB-13 Stone Polish** for extra protection and shine, but please put down a towel on the floor before you start, as you don't want to make the floor slippery.
- **DO** use a specialty product like **MB Stone Care MB-3 Soap Film Remover** when accumulation of soap film appears (waxy look and feel), especially in the lower part of your stall. It also removes possible hard water mineral deposits without damaging the stones surface. Use once a fortnight, or month, in conjunction with the weekly use of **MB-5** to keep it looking great.
- **DO** use a specialty product like **MB Stone Care MB-9 Mildew Stain Remover** if you have an occasional growth or mildew in your grout lines. It will not affect the delicate surface of polished Marble and other delicate stones. A hand-held grout brush also works a treat with the **MB-9** if its taken hold or you have left it to long.

# Water Marks in Polished Marble or Acid Etching

- **DON'T** try scrubbing at them with a cream cleaner or scourer as the marble has been acid etched and it will damage it more.
- **DO** consider a product like **MB Stone Care MB-11 Marble Polishing Powder** for water mark's or rings (acid etching, that is). It is a professional product, yet is user-friendly enough to be used by everyone. **MB-11** will work on polished Marbles only and not Granites or Engineered Stone.
- **DO** use **MB Stone Care MB-13 Stone Polish** after to give the repaired area that extra shine and lustre. It coats the surface of the benchtop with an extra thin layer of specially selected waxes to give your polished Marble that extra brightness. All of its components are rated "food grade".

## Stains or Staining

- **DON'T** use so called "professional poulticing kits" that no true professional would use for stain removal. They are usually very expensive and produce limited results.
- **DO** give us a call on **(08) 9209 2620** or email on **sales@granitewarehouse.com.au** and we can teach you how to do it or email you stain removal guidelines to help you get your stone back to it former glory.

*This information is much cheaper than a "professional kit" and uses products that are more effective, are easy to find (you probably have them in your house already) and inexpensive.*





## Clean and protect your investment with only the best!

Granite Warehouse stock a full range of MB Stone Care products for both professional and home care use designed to help you keep your granite, marble, engineered and other stone bench tops, floors and tiles shining like new at all times.

### MOST COMMON FOR HOME CARE USE ARE:

#### **MB-5 Benchtopy Spray Cleaner**

One of the most popular products in the entire MB line! It easily and safely removes fingerprints, food residue and grease from marble and granite countertops, walls, vanities, fireplaces and more. Just spray it, let it sit for a few seconds, then wipe it dry.

#### **MB-13 Stone Polish**

**DO NOT USE ON FLOORS.**

A non-wax protective coating for polished Marble, Granite, Travertine, Onyx, Engineered Stone and other polished stone. Adds shine, protects and visually restores and beautifies.

#### **MB-4 Sealer for Stone Surfaces**

Effectively repels oil and water from Marble, Granite, Travertine, Limestone and Serpentine (Green Marble), thus greatly reducing the possibility of staining. It is also effective on Grout, most "terracotta" and even on concrete.

#### **MB-11 Fix Acid Etch Marks on Polished Marble**

User-friendly, it enables you to polish Marble like the Pros! It will restore the majority of "Water Stains" and "Acid Rings" (chemical etches, that is) without the expensive services of a stone restoration professional.

*More comprehensive information about the MB Stone Care products can be found on our website at [www.granitewarehouse.com.au](http://www.granitewarehouse.com.au), or by contacting our sales team.*

You are invited to inspect the range of Granite, Marble and Stellastone on display in slab form at our Malaga warehouse.

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