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Care and Maintenance of Caithness Flagstone Worktops

With care your new stone worktops will last a lifetime, by following some easy tips and protecting surfaces from heat and spills they will look as good as the day they were installed.

Stone Worktops:

- Normal 'housekeeping' maintenance involves only periodic washing with clean tap water and neutral (pH-7) cleaners. "Soap less" cleaners are preferred because they minimise sticking and filming. However, mild phosphate-free, biodegradable liquid dish-soaps, soap flakes or powders which contain no aromatics are acceptable if rinsing is thorough.
- Stone surfaces should be first wetted with clean, hot (not boiling) water. Then, using the cleaner solution, wash in small overlapping sweeps, from bottom-up if a vertical surface. Rinse thoroughly with clean, tap water to remove all traces of soap or cleaners solution, change the water in the rinse pail frequently. Dry with soft cloth or cotton-flannel, and allow to thoroughly air-dry. Chamois skin may be used in lieu of cotton cloth in this process.
- Spills of any type should be immediately removed and water-rinsed. Coasters should be placed under all glasses, particularly those containing liquors or citrus juices.
- Hot plates should be used under heated dishes.

Generally, prevention will save a great deal of time spent on cures and remedies, especially since damages to stone are often irreparable. Polished stone should receive the same care and consideration that is given to a fine wood finish.

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