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Care & Maintenance

“Elite Finish”

Typically used for interior counters and sinks

Thank you for purchasing NatureCast Concrete products. Other than routine cleaning, your new product will require little to zero maintenance. This is a result of extensive research and development and the use of a food-safe sealing system. Before your product is shipped, it is also treated with a very thin film of spray wax polish to help prevent minor damage during transport and install. This thin wax layer will wear off and does not need to be re-applied.

Cleaning

We have provided you an 8oz. bottle of StoneClean 104 Concentrate. StoneClean 104 is a salt, metasilicate and phosphate-free cleaner and degreaser that leave no residual salt behind. It is ideal for green building projects due to its low toxicity, neutral pH and fast bio-degradation. It will not damage adjacent materials such as woodwork, metal or fabric. You can also use mild soap and water. Examples include Simple Green(dilute as suggested) or Windex without ammonia.

Care

Because our finish is a man-made product, we recommend that items stored or frequently slid on counter-tops (planters, small appliances, sculptures, etc.) have cork or felt pads underneath. This will also allow the finish to breathe ever so slightly to prevent long term shadowing from items moved infrequently. This does not apply to smooth bottomed items such as pots, pans, plates, bowls, or bottles typically used in kitchens.

- *Most non-abrasive household cleaners will work great on NatureCast Concrete surfaces.*
- *Avoid abrasive or harsh cleaners that contain ammonia, bleach, citric acids or vinegar.*
- *Do not directly cut on surface*
- *The surface is heat proof to 300 degrees, however, we do recommend you use trivets*

Maintenance

Avoid dragging sharp or hard object across the concrete surface to prevent scratching. Minor white scratches should be expected throughout the piece from use over time. Applying Pledge, Simple Green Countertop Polish, or Crisco can fill in the minor scratches.

If scratches occur that you are unable to remove with maintenance instructions above, you may buff them out using Scotch Brite pads. (Scotch-Brite pads by 3M are available at most hardware stores or specialty finishing stores). Start with the Grey 7448 pad then go to the white 7445 pad. Be sure to blend the surrounding area with the Scotch-Brite pads. It is best to use a random orbital buffing/sanding tool with the Scotch-Brite pads. Then re-apply wax if necessary. If you have a scratch that you are unable to repair, or if your surface gets chipped, please contact Cement Elegance (541-383-2598) to order a repair kit.