

Travina Care

When used indoors your Travina countertop requires very little maintenance.

Travina[®] is a natural aggregate-based composite, and must be treated like real stone. And, like stone, Travina[®] is composed of natural minerals that may react adversely to cleaning chemicals and acids that are not specifically formulated for the care and cleaning of stone. Travina[®] contains calcium carbonate and is extremely sensitive to acids. Therefore, fruit juices, wine and harsh chemicals must be removed immediately from the surface.

- Use a soft, clean cloth for best results, and clean with mild soap and water.
- Too much cleaner or soap may leave a film and cause streaks.
- Avoid using cleaning products that have a high acid content, such as lemon, vinegar, boric acid, etc. Acids may etch the surface of Travina.
- Don't use scouring powders or creams; these products contain abrasives that may scratch the surface.
- Rinse the surface thoroughly after washing with soap solution and dry with a soft cloth. Use fresh clean rinse water.
- Monthly use of a product such as Simple Green Stone Polish http://www.simplegreen.com/products_stone_polish.php will help to protect your countertop and keep it looking beautiful.
- Over the years if your countertop receives heavy use it may be necessary to apply a coat of Aqua Mix Stone Enhancer <http://www.aquamixdirect.com/servlet/the-161/Aqua-Mix%2C-Stone%2C-Enhancer/Detail> to darken and restore the appearance of your countertop.

When used outdoors, in addition to the above maintenance the following steps and precautions must be used.

- After the Travina countertop has been installed a coat of concrete sealer such as Thompson's Waterseal <http://www.thompsonswaterseal.com/waterproofing-products/waterproofers/advanced-clear-multi-surface-waterproofer> must be applied. This should continue to be done yearly.
- Every 4 months apply a coat of paste wax containing carnauba wax such as Mequires or Mothers.
- Covering the countertop in the winter time will help to protect it from the snow and ice.
- Extreme weather conditions may cause the Travina to lighten in color and feel "dry". Small pits may even appear. If this happens first fill any pits with Superglue Gel and allow to dry. Next use an orbital sander with 80 grit sandpaper and lightly sand the countertop to smooth it out. Apply a coat of the Thompsons Waterseal and proceed with steps mentioned above.