

Stone Worktop Maintenance and Care Guide

To maintain the beauty, durability, and long-term performance of your Grey Slate and Stone quartz worktops, it's essential to follow a consistent and gentle care routine. Below are detailed instructions to help you keep your surfaces in top condition.

Daily Cleaning

- Use a soft cloth or sponge with mild dish soap and warm water.
- Rinse thoroughly with hot water and dry with a soft cloth to avoid streaks or watermarks.
- Non-polished finishes may show grease and fingerprints more easily and may require extra attention.
- Wipe up spills immediately to prevent staining or etching.

Avoid Harsh Chemicals

- Do not use bleach, ammonia, vinegar, lemon juice, or acidic/alkaline cleaners.
- Avoid highly abrasive cleaning products and scouring pads.
- Keep worktops away from paint removers, caustic soda, and other strong chemical agents.
- For stubborn marks, use a non-abrasive cleaner like CIF Cream (test in an inconspicuous area first if unsure).

Heat Protection

- Quartz and slate are heat resistant, but not heatproof.
- Do not place hot pots, pans, or appliances directly onto the surface. Sudden temperature changes (thermal shock) can cause cracks or other damage.
- Always use trivets, heat-resistant mats, or chopping boards under hot items.
- Appliances that emit prolonged heat (e.g., air fryers) should be placed on a protective surface.

Scratch Prevention

- While quartz is scratch-resistant, it is not scratch-proof.
- Do not cut directly on the surface; always use a cutting board.
- Avoid using ultra-sharp knives or heavy, rough, or metal objects directly on the worktop.
- Never drag appliances or heavy items across the surface, as this can leave permanent marks.

- Avoid dropping or slamming objects (e.g., tools or keys), as impact damage can occur.

General Usage Advice

- Do not use worktops as a workbench or step on them to reach overhead areas. This can lead to cracks or structural damage.
- Be cautious with excessive force or downward pressure, especially with hard or metal items.
- Maintain a regular cleaning schedule to keep surfaces hygienic and looking new.

By following these maintenance and care guidelines, your Grey Slate and Stone quartz worktops will retain their elegance and performance for years to come. For any specific concerns or recommendations, consult your supplier or a professional stone care expert.