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NATURAL STONE MAINTENANCE GUIDE

Natural stone, prized for its beauty and durability, demands meticulous care to retain its splendour. Understanding the nuances of various stone types is crucial as they exhibit different densities and levels of porosity, necessitating tailored maintenance approaches.

Stains, particularly from oily or intensely coloured substances like coffee or wine, pose a threat to the stone's pristine appearance if not promptly addressed. The cardinal rule: attend to spills immediately to minimize absorption and potential staining. Employ protective measures such as coasters and cutting boards to mitigate scratching, while steering clear of abrasive or acidic cleaners to preserve the stone's integrity.

Modern sealants offer a robust shield for stone surfaces, enhancing their natural allure while safeguarding against damage. We strongly advise consulting with a professional stone sealing expert prior to fabrication to explore the diverse range of sealants available. Please note, while this serves as a general guide, professional assistance is recommended for tasks such as repairs and stain removal.

GENERAL CLEANING PROCEDURES:

- Dust mop floors frequently with soft, dry cloths.
- For routine cleaning, utilize a mild, non-abrasive pH-neutral cleaning detergent or stone soap with warm water and a clean, damp cloth.
- Avoid abrasive or acidic commercial cleaners and harsh substances like vinegar, bleach, or ammonia.
- Thoroughly rinse and dry surfaces after use to prevent the accumulation of dirt and grit, particularly in shower areas. Change rinse water frequently, and blot up spills promptly to prevent stains.

FLOOR SURFACES:

- Employ non-slip walk-off mats or area rugs at entryways.
- Exercise caution with worn vacuum cleaners, as metal or plastic components may scratch the stone. Instead, use a clean mop to remove dust and grit, and utilize leather or rubber pieces under furniture legs to prevent scratching.

BENCHTOPS:

- Address spills promptly upon detection, and deploy coasters, trivets, or placemats to safeguard against damage.
- Use cutting boards and avoid dropping or moving heavy objects on the surface to prevent scratches and structural issues.

BATHROOMS & OTHER WET AREAS:

- Refrain from placing perfume, toothpaste, or nail solvents directly on the surface to prevent damage.
- Minimize soap scum buildup by utilizing a squeegee after each use, and employ non-acidic scum removers sparingly to maintain the stone's integrity.

GENERAL WEAR AND STAINING:

Stone is inherently prone to scratches and wear over time, adding to its organic allure. Certain foods and drinks containing citric acid may leave etch marks or glass rings if left unattended, underscoring the importance of prompt spill cleanup and protective measures.

RENEWAL:

Consider refinishing stone surfaces periodically to rejuvenate their appearance. Reach out to a qualified stone sealing company for further guidance.

For more detailed technical data or inquiries, please contact our team at enquiries@glux.com.au.