## MARBLE & TRAVERTINE CARE SHEET

Whilst much of the popular, harder stones such as Granite and Quartz were formed under extreme conditions by volcanic activity, the softer, gentler Marble and Travertine were formed through years of precipitation, as a result of sediment and minerals being separated in hot springs and caves.

These beautiful surfaces are ideal for use in bedroom, bathroom and commercial applications.

## **CLEANING YOUR MARBLE/TRAVERTINE SURFACE**

To maintain the beauty of your Marble/Travertine surfaces, simply clean the area regularly with a non-abrasive cleaning sponge, mild soap and warm water. It is important to use cleaners specially formulated for stone surfaces. Many general purpose cleaners contain acidic and alkaline ingredients, abrasives, ammonia and bleach and can break down sealers and damage natural stone. Avoid using bleach, vinegar, abrasive cleaners or ammonia on any of these natural stone surfaces.

For general daily cleaning we recommend using products that say specifically on the label "for use on natural stone". These cleaners are available at most hardware stores and some grocery stores.

## **PREVENT DAMAGE**

Marble/Travertine Surfaces are easily scratched or chipped if care is not taken whilst using the countertops. Avoid placing sharp or heavy items on these softer stone surfaces.

If spills or residue on these counters are not cleaned up promptly, there is a possibility of staining. Even properly sealed stone can be stained by some harsh items that may inadvertently come into contact with your counters. If counters are stained, do not attempt to remove the stains by using any harsh abrasives or strong chemicals. Call us for further advice at 428-2920.

Marble/Travertine Surfaces are very heat resistant. However, placing extremely hot items directly on these surfaces for prolonged periods may result in the sealant being removed. To avoid this, we recommend that hot items are placed on a hot pad or trivet.

## **RESEALING**

All stone counters purchased from Fiberpol are given a complimentary initial seal with installation. In order to guarantee that the original beauty of your Marble or Travertine countertop is retained, we do recommend that you have us come in and reseal your counters approximately every three years.





