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## ***Care and Cleaning of Your Plastic Laminate Countertops***

The following simple precautions and care guidelines will help you keep your plastic laminate counter tops looking like new and provide many years of enjoyment.

### *How to Clean Your Laminate Countertops...*

1. Use mild liquid soap and water and a soft cloth to clean your countertop. For more stubborn stains and dirt a non-abrasive counter top cleaner can be used. Wipe dry after cleaning.
2. DO NOT use abrasive cleaners, powders, scouring pads or steel wool to clean the countertops. These will scratch and damage the tops.

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1. Laminate countertops are not stain-proof. Use caution when working with products that may cause stains.
2. Acid or alkaline based cleaners, compounds, etc. will mar, etch, corrode and permanently discolor laminates. Examples of these are drain cleaners, rust removers, toilet cleaners, oven cleaners, chlorine bleach, tub and tile cleaners, & metal cleaners.
3. DO NOT wax or polish plastic countertops.
4. DO NOT chop, slice, pound or hammer on the counter top. Use a cutting board.
5. DO NOT place hot pots and pans, utensils or appliances directly on the surface of the counter top.
6. DO NOT place or slide ceramic or other abrasive objects on the tops. These will cause scratching and premature wearing of the counter tops.
7. DO NOT stand on the counter tops.
8. WATER can be one of the worst enemies of the countertop if it penetrates the plastic laminate to the sub-material. Prevent water from penetrating your countertops around sink cutouts, at backsplash or wall laminate, and at joints or seams by not allowing water to lie for prolonged periods of time in these areas.
9. Re-caulk / seal cutouts and backsplash as needed for the entire life of the top to prevent water damage.
10. DO NOT allow water to lie for periods of time under a drain mat beside the sink.
11. DO NOT hang wet or damp dishcloths or towels over the front of the sink. This can allow water to penetrate the front edge seal and cause damage. This will also eventually cause damage to the finish of your cabinetry.
12. DO NOT immediately open your dishwasher after it has finished rinsing or completed the dry cycle. This releases hot steam and moisture. Over time this practice can cause damage to the front edge and underside of your counter top above the dishwasher.