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Concrete Countertop Care Guide

Thank you for your concrete countertop purchase. Concreate products are extremely durable, and with proper treatment will last the life of the home. Of course, every hand-wrought material requires a bit of care to bring out its best qualities. A few rules to live by:

- Concrete has approximately the same porosity as marble. Acids can etch the surface -- red wine, lemon juice, and vinegar especially. However, like aged butcher block or marble, a patina on a cast concrete product can actually enhance the character of the surface. Our non-toxic penetrating sealer and wax will help to resist stains, but are not acid proof. Cleaning up soon after spills is the best way to minimize staining.
- To clean concrete we suggest sponging with a non-ammoniated, non-abrasive cleanser such as *Simple Green* or *Dr. Bonner's*.
- We do not recommend the use of knives on concrete. Although cutting will not affect the function of the concrete, it may scratch the finish, and it will certainly dull the knife.
- We always suggest the use of trivets; however, hot pots may be placed on your counters after 45 days.
- Your concrete will need to be resealed every 2-3 years depending on use. Sealing is a simple process easily performed by the owner. Waxing with a paste wax every 3-4 months provides the maximum protection against staining and abrasion. Both wax and sealer are available through Concreate.

Lastly, I hope you enjoy your concrete and will recommend Concreate products to others.

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