

## **SINK MAINTENANCE**

Compas shares the following tips to protecting marble, stone and metal sinks against etching and staining and to ensure they will always look their best.

### **HONED OR RECLAIMED MATERIALS**

All reclaimed materials are sold 'as is' and feature naturally aged characteristics. To maintain them use clean warm water and a mild soap.

### **MARBLE SINKS**

For antiqued marble reclaimed sinks, a water based sealer can be applied to the sink after it is thoroughly cleaned. This initial cleaning can be done using a mild 5% clorox mix to water. Please request additional information if you have any concerns.

### **METAL SINKS**

These sink are made with thick gauge copper mix with other metals like nickel. Some finishes use real gold. The calcium in water can damage your sink finish. All sinks must be maintained and cared for daily with the use of a shammy leather cloth or any white soft non abrasive cloth.

### **SEALING**

Sealing repels staining agents but doesn't make marble 100% stainproof. Sealer may need to be applied periodically.

### **PROTECT**

Vinegar, citrus, lactic and any light acid will etch marble surfaces or the finish-; don't let them sit on the stone. To remove stubborn colored stains use Clorox in higher concentration to water- always clean /mop with clean water after. Keep the room properly ventilated during this operation to avoid possible irritation from odors.

### **CLEAN**

Avoid using acidic or abrasive cleaners. Prefer natural soaps and use warm clean water. Keep room properly ventilated during cleaning.

### **SPOT TREAT**

To remove stubborn stains, use a poultice paste. Spread it onto the stain, then cover with plastic wrap sealed with painters' tape. Once it's dry (12 hours or more), scrape the paste off and wipe with a damp cloth. For deep-set stains you may need to reapply paste.

### **POLISHED MARBLE**

The Polished surface of a marble is extremely susceptible of being etched by any type of acid. Avoid any light acid cleaning product to remain in contact with the surface very long. In case you wish to remove the "etched" areas, talk too and take the advise from a professional installer or surface refinisher. In general to maintain your polished floors: first vacuum, then clean with warm water and mild soap, mop dry and properly ventilate the room.