

## **Care & Maintenance**

Element Surfaces are high performance composites, handcrafted in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Engineered for durability and strength as well as beauty, your new countertops require little or no maintenance, no sealers or treatments, and will serve you in style for many years.

• Cleaning

Element Surfaces recycled glass countertops should be kept clean with a soft cloth and warm water. Mild soap or household surface cleaners suitable for glass may also be used.

Spills should be wiped up promptly. Common acids such as lemon juice, coffee, tomato sauce, and wine should not stain, and will not etch Element Surfaces, but do be mindful of cleaning up these kinds of messes.

Do not use any abrasive cleaners or scrubbing pads, or products such as bleach, C.L.R., trisodium phosphate cleaners, strippers, metal & silverware cleaners and the like.

Dark and saturated colors of Es may be enhanced and deepened by using a topical countertop polish such as that made by Stone Care International. Test first in an inconspicuous area, and follow manufacturers instructions for application.

## • Heat

Do not set hot items from the oven or stovetop directly on Es countertops - always use a trivet or hot pad. Intense heat may discolor the matrix and can cause pieces of glass at the surface to expand, crack, or lift.

## • Cutting

Always use a cutting board or mat. Cutting directly on Es countertops can dull your knives as well as the finish or polished surface.