

# PELLEGRINO

## STONE CARE

EXPERTS IN THE CARE AND RESTORATION OF  
GRANITE + MARBLE + TRAVERTINE + LIMESTONE + ONYX  
SLATE + CONCRETE + TERRAZZO + TILE AND PAVERS

## A GUIDE TO STAIN REMOVAL

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**CAUTION: PLEASE USE EXTRA CARE WHEN HANDLING ANY CHEMICALS. THOROUGHLY READ MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS FOR EACH CHEMICAL BEFORE USE. WE RECOMMEND USING PROTECTIVE EYEWEAR, RUBBER GLOVES, AND WORK IN A WELL-VENTILATED AREA. NEVER MIX CLEANING AGENTS OR CHEMICALS, THE RESULT CAN BE DANGEROUS OR DEADLY.**

**!** Always test stain removal in an inconspicuous area to determine suitability. The following instructions are for use at your own discretion; you acknowledge sole responsibility for and assume all risk arising from using this guide.

### STAIN REMOVAL

**OILS STAINS:** (vegetable/olive /cooking oils etc.) Mix Baking soda with Acetone into a paste and place onto the stained area. Allow to sit for 24 hrs. Remove and rinse with water. Repeat if necessary. Stone should be re-sealed when completed.

**ORGANIC STAINS:** (food products, mold, mildew, plant runoff, dirt/soil, urine and pet stains: Take a paper towel or cotton balls or white terry cloth towels soaked in liquid bleach( any brand) and place on stained area. Allow to sit for 24 hrs. and rinse with water. Repeat if necessary. You may spray bleach on stained areas and scrub with a soft nylon brush then rinse with water. Bleach does not harm natural stone as long as it is rinsed each time and seal/ maintained properly. (Acids harm stone).

**RUST STAINS:** Using 3% or 4% Hydrogen peroxide place on stained area and agitated with sponge of cloth and allow to sit for 24 hrs. then rinse with water. Using products such as Iron Out or Naval Jelly will do the job however; they may etch the stone as well.

Most rust stains have to be removed by a professional.

**SOAP SCUM/CALCIUM BUILD UP/WATER DEPOSITS:** Using a new single edge razor blade gently scrap/shave from the surface of the stone. Use a stone cleaner such as Granite Gold with a soft nylon brush or Scotch Brite pad to finally scrub and clean.

**ADHESIVE/INK/GLUE/TAR/WAX AND RESIN BASED STAINS:** Using Acetone, Lacquer thinner, any brand paint, glue, adhesive remover i.e. Goof off, Goo-gone, or Motsenbocker (Home Depot) Use as directed and rinse with water.

### REPAIRS

**SCRATCHES:** Using a cue-tip soaked in linseed oil or cooking oil, rub onto scratch several times this should hide or improve the appearance. Certain stones may darken to much so test in an inconspicuous area. Some scratches will hide well by using a good quality paste/carnauba wax.

**ETCHING:** Most etches have to be removed by a professional. For minor etching, spotting or ring marks. Using a good quality carnauba paste wax (2-3 Coats) will hide or improve the finish of the stone.

**CHIPS, CRACKS, VOIDS, MISSING GROUT/ CAULKING:** Again, most of these issues must be fixed by a professional. Using a compound such as grout, caulking, epoxy, casting compound such as Fixall added the appropriate color would help with holes in Travertine, cracks and chips in most stone surfaces.

**SANITIZING/DISINFECTING:** Using a solution of 1 part bleach and 10 parts water apply to surface allow sitting for 5 minutes and rinse with water. This will kill 99% of germs.

**!** These Tips are only suggestions. We recommend you consult with a stone care professional. It is the responsibility of the owner/applicator to test in an inconspicuous area to determine suitability and results. You may contact our office for further information at 858-530-8185.