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Installation procedures for Natural Stone countertops

In order to make your project progress smoothly, please read the following information that pertains to your job.

Important Information:

Elevators, some doorways/hallways, winding staircases, and upper cabinets may dictate the maximum size of stone pieces, the number of seams needed, and where those seams will fall.

If you have a Raised Bar with more than 10" of overhang we recommend your carpenter install weight bearing bracing for support of your natural surface. We can install our own brackets on the day of installation, however, an additional charge will be added to your final invoice. Support of the raised bar is essential for the life of your natural surface. These can be painted or stained.

Customer's w/existing cabinets, please have all personal items removed from cabinets on the day of counter top installation. Our staff should have access to the cabinetry for shimming & securing counter tops.

Selecting Your Sinks:

We highly recommend selecting sinks that are only under mount. We have a supplier in our area that we recommend if you have not selected a sink they have a wonderful showroom and are very knowledgeable about specifics for granite applications. We receive deliveries from other suppliers as well, but please make sure the supplier/sales person you are working with has had experience with selling sinks for granite application.

-Under mount (UM) sinks must be delivered to our shop. If you have the sink at the time of templating we will take it back to the shop. We have an extensive inventory of (UM) sink templates in our shop! Confirm with your sink supplier/retailer the make and model number. Your UM will be taken to the job site and attached by our installation team.

-Cast Iron Undermounts (CIU) must be delivered to our shop. CIU must be framed into the sink base cabinet. This is a permanent installation process. The sink cannot be removed after counter tops have been installed.

-Vessel (VS) sinks must be delivered to our shop. Fabrication of your surfaces CANNOT be started unless we have all specifics and your sinks. In some cases, faucets need to be brought to our shop so placement of the sink can be determined. Your vessel sink will be taken to the job site and left there unless otherwise requested.

-Self-Rimming (SR) sinks are cut in our shop when possible; in this case we will need the sink there. We have an extensive inventory of (SR) templates in our shop; in this case you should have the sink at the site when we come to install. If you have the sink at the time of templating we will take it back at that time.

Cook tops:

Most cook tops must be cut precisely to fit correctly, so we require the cook tops to be delivered to our shop. If you have the cook top at the time of template, please show it to our staff so any questions can be asked/answered at the time of template instead of at installation. At installation, we will cut the hole for the cook top, make sure it fits, and then put it back in its box. If the cook top installer finds it difficult to insert the cook top into the hole, check that no pipes, cords, or cabinet walls are obstructing it.

Full Height Back Splash:

If you are having full height slab back splash, please note the following. If the splash is to go up to a microwave or hood, make sure the appliance is installed or mark exactly where it ends so we know where the granite piece is to stop. If high splash must be notched for under cabinet lighting, the electrical wires must be present on the day of installation. If you are going to have electrical boxes, light switches, and/or phone jacks in the splash, they must be present on day of install. If your upper cabinets will have a hanging valance, it should be left off until after the backsplash is installed.

Appliance Garages and Countertop Cabinetry:

Brevard Stone, Inc. does not remove or re-install appliance garages or cabinets that set on top of your countertops. Having it removed before templating assures counters and back splash will fit precisely. Note: If the countertop being installed is a different thickness than what existed, the appliance garage or cabinets will need to be adjusted by your carpenter so they will fit properly when re-installed.

Scheduling:

Most projects include two trips to your job site (one to template and one to install). If additional trips are to be needed, make sure your sales consultant is aware of that. Trips not considered at the time your project was bid can result in additional service charges being added to your final bill.

Contact our office about a week before your cabinets are to be installed. When cabinets are completely set, call our office and confirm. If end panels, corbels, or additional cabinets are not installed our project manager **MUST** be made aware of these changes at time of template.

On average, the time between template and installation is 5 to 10 business days. Our knowledge of all specifics (sink, faucet, accessories, and stove) for your project **BEFORE** templating can be a factor in it being completed earlier.

When you call to schedule your template please have the following information:

Sink Manufacturer, Model #, and Supplier:

Faucet Manufacturer, Model #, and Supplier:

Accessories (soap or water dispensers):

Stove Manufacturer, Model #, and Supplier:

Once we have spec sheets for the above items and your project has gone through or template process, we will be ready to start cutting your natural surface.

Thank you for choosing Brevard Stone for you custom Marble & Granite needs!