

The Top Source

1-877-867-7723

Natural Stone “What You Should Know”

When choosing natural stone for your home, it is important that you understand the following:

- Natural stone can be quarried marble, granite, limestone, travertine, or slate.
- No two pieces of natural stone are alike. It will vary in color, shading, porosity, marking, texture (pits & fissures), veining and pattern. This is the beauty of natural stone and is not considered a defect. The stone installed in your home will differ from the samples.
- Many colors have veining or directionality sometimes called movement or grain patterns. With these colors - seams, corners, and backsplashes will show changes in pieces or direction more visibly than other stones. This will create a north/south, east/west orientation where two pieces are seamed together like wood grain and is part of the natural beauty of the color selected. If you do not want this feature you should select a more muted color pattern.
- All stone has “fissures” which appear as hairline cracks. This is not a defect.
- The width and depth of individual stone pieces may vary. The size of slabs will vary, and therefore may require seams on large islands and long counter runs. ***Seam location and number is at the sole discretion of The Top Source. Seams will be visible and can be felt. Differing stone crystalline structure can increase the likelihood of visible seams.***
- The surface of the stone is polished at the quarry and cannot be altered. As a result, the seam cannot be polished without damaging the factory finish.
- All stone requires ongoing maintenance designated by the Marble Institute of America (MIA). Only approved products should be used to clean your stone surface. Never use abrasive cleaners or acidic substances like vinegar, muriatic, sulfuric, or phosphoric acids, or citrus or ammonia products on your stone.
- All natural stone is sealed by The Top Source, but additional sealing will be required as part of the ongoing maintenance.
- Natural stone can be damaged and cracked when subjected to continuous heat.

I have read and understand the above items about natural stone.

Member Signature: _____