

upcoming events

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Contractor's Expo

Embassy Suites Monterey Bay – Seaside • 1441 Canyon Del Rey • Seaside, CA 93955
Hear guest speakers who address issues, questions and situations they face on the job everyday.

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STONE

showcase

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The Design Village in Seaside



Monterey Design Center:
DESIGN VILLAGE NOW OPEN

Stone Sealer:
ENHANCE, PROTECT & CLEAN YOUR STONE



design village now open

On Friday December 5th, the Graniterock Monterey Peninsula branch opened its brand new Design Village to the public. The Design Village is the first beautiful step in the Design Center project. Featuring many outdoor vignettes, the Design Village allows professionals and homeowners alike a chance to see, in person, many different options that previously could only be imagined. One Architect was overheard saying "This is an Architect's playground...I can see myself spending a lot of time here."



We at Graniterock would like to thank, in no particular order, everyone who was involved and especially our great customers who put forth their time and effort in making the Design Village come to life:

Chappell Masonry, Stowe Contracting, Steudler Masonry, Patania Masonry, Rossi Masonry, Craven Landscaping, Strickland Masonry, Alliance Land & Waterscapes, Cornerstone Masonry, Pearson Masonry, Davi Plastering, Ross Roofing, Vining Studios, Peninsula Masonry & Kurt Cook Masonry

Design Village is located at 1755 Del Monte Boulevard in Seaside. Call 831.392.3700 for more information.

stone sealer



PREVENTION

The best way to keep your stone looking new is to treat it with a high quality stone sealer. Natural stone can be very porous. A sealer will fill in the natural pores and repel spills on the surface, allowing you time to clean up the spill before they have a chance to seep into the stone.



ENHANCE

Some sealers can enhance or darken the stone without adding a shine, for example Stonetech Enhancer Pro. Other sealers such as Glaze and Seal's Wet Look 2000, can enhance the stone's colors while adding sheen to the surface of the stone. These sealers though are not recommended for use outside as they can become slippery when they get wet, unless you add a non slip additive to the sealer when installing it.



CLEAN

Once your stone is sealed, clean up becomes much easier. But you have to be careful what you use on natural stone to clean it. Natural stone needs cleaning products that are specifically made for its unique composition. For everyday cleaning Stonetech's Professional Revitalizer is an excellent choice. It cleans with a gentle, pH-neutral formula that removes soils while reinforcing the original sealer to help upkeep the sealer and prevent future stains. General cleaners that are not specifically designed for natural stone should not be used. These cleaners can breakdown the sealer, etch the stone's polish, and possibly even discolor the stone.



WHAT TO DO WHEN A SPILL OCCURS

No matter how careful you are, spills are going to happen. By using a high quality stone sealer you are adding time to clean up those spills when they do occur. What you should do; Quickly wipe up the liquid with a clean dry white cloth. Spray the area with a stone cleaner, and wipe with a clean cloth. It's that easy when the stone is sealed properly.



OIL STAINS

These are treated differently. They need to be wicked out of the stones pores. Stonetech's Professional Oil Stain Remover is excellent for this.

Things to never do:

- Never let a spill sit on the stone
- Never use a cleaner that contains acid, such as bathroom cleaners, grout cleaners, or tub/tile cleaners
- Never use vinegar, bleach, ammonia, or other general purpose cleaners

If you have an questions about the materials used in these projects, please contact the Design Center at 831.392.3700.