



## How to Care for your CateringStone Soapstone Servers & How to Remove Scratches from Soapstone

We recommend applying food safe dry-wax such as Bee's Wax or Carnuba wax to the surface of your soapstone or mineral oil may be applied as well.

The application of wax or mineral oil is fast, easy and serves two purposes. First and foremost it brings out the natural colors of the stone and secondly it masks smudges from oils that will appear as dark marks or smudges.

**We recommend waxing or oiling** your tops a few times a year or as necessary with frequent use and then reduce the frequency or stop completely. This allows the natural patina to set in and achieve a soft natural weathered look. Other people oil or wax much more frequently. This is simply a personal choice and will not affect the function of the CateringStone Server.

Mineral oil is very thin, "food safe" oil found in every grocery store or drug store, it is inexpensive and readily available. As it begins to evaporate it can leave a dry uneven coloration as it dissipates. Dry-wax does not evaporate or dry out nearly as quickly and tends to have the very same look.

**Soapstone is soft and can scratch.** An application of oil or dry-wax masks and conceals most small scratches. Deeper scratches can be removed by sanding with common sandpaper.

To remove scratches, start with a low grit (100) and move up to a (200) and finally with a 400 grit paper, small circular motions will get the best results. Once you are satisfied that you have removed all the scratches apply a light coat of mineral oil or dry-wax. Your CateringStone Server will look brand new. How much you use your servers and what you clean them with will affect the frequency of oiling as much as how "wet" you desire the surface to appear.

**Soapstone can withstand very high and sustained heat** as long as it is slowly applied. In fact many wood burning stoves are clad in soapstone because of its unique thermal properties. Thermal shock is the sudden and dramatic temperature change. This is not advised. Thermal shock such as pouring boiling water into a sink suddenly sending thermal shock into the stone is an example of how you could damage your CateringStone Soapstone Server.