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### Care and Maintenance for Laminate Countertops

In most cases, a solution of warm water and liquid dishwashing detergent is all that is required to maintain laminate's lasting beauty.

#### **Stain Removal**

In most cases non-abrasive household cleans will work in removing stains. Products like FORMULA 409®, FANTASTIK®, GLASS PLUS®, MR. CLEAN®, TOP JOB® and WINDEX® are good options. Scrubbing lightly with a soft brush might be necessary for textured surfaces.

If it is a persistent stain, make a paste of baking soda and water and apply it with a soft brush. 10 – 15 light strokes should do the job. Baking soda is a low abrasive but excessive scrubbing and exerting too much force can damage the surface.

For those stubborn stains use undiluted household bleach. Apply to the stain but only let it stand for 1 minute. Rinse with warm water and wipe dry. This step can be repeated if it appears that the stain is going away and there is no discoloration of the laminate surface.

**WARNING:** Prolonged exposure of bleach on laminate surfaces will cause discoloration.

There are many commercially available products that contain substances that can damage or discolor laminate surfaces. Never use an abrasive cleaner.

Examples of products that **SHOULD NOT** be used on your laminate surfaces:

- Oven cleaners
- Drain cleaners

- Toilet bowl cleaners
- Tub and tile cleaners
- Coffee pot cleaners
- Metal cleaners
- Metal polishes
- Hard water stain removers
- Hydrogen Peroxide
- Chlorine bleach