

# Care + Maintenance

blend. CONCRETE DESIGN

## OF CONCRETE SURFACES

When properly cared for, our concrete pieces can last a lifetime. In the years to come, your concrete piece will further develop its unique character as it progresses

through its natural patina. Our concrete surfaces require minimal upkeep, however, we recommend you take a few simple steps to preserve the life of your piece.

Concrete is a naturally porous material. To prevent our pieces from becoming scratched and stained, we apply multiple layers of high-quality sealant.

To avoid damage to the protective layer of sealant, please ensure you do the following:

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**Clean your concrete surface with a damp cloth and a non-abrasive, light solvent or water-based solution.**

The layers of sealant on your surface can be damaged by harsh chemical based and citrus based cleaning products. A mild detergent or a light vinegar solution are viable options. You can use a high-pressure hose to clean pieces that are placed outdoors.

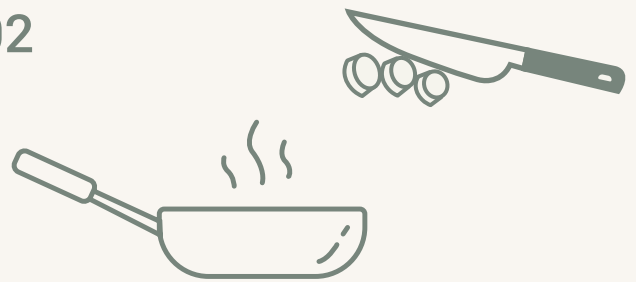
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**Do not leave food, liquids and oils on your concrete surface for a long period of time.**

Just like other surfaces, such as timber or stone, spills that are left for an extended period of time will stain the sealant on your surface. To minimise the chances of staining, we suggest wiping down your surface after use and any spills. For outdoor surfaces, it's best to minimise the length of time that flowers, leaves and animal droppings are left before removing them.

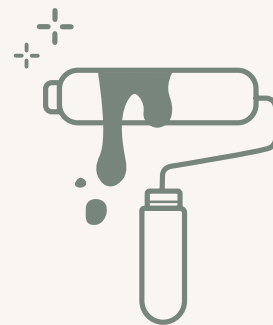
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**Do not cut items or place hot items directly on your surface.**

Concrete is heat resistant, however, extreme temperatures have the potential to damage your concrete surface. As a rule of thumb, we recommend using a trivet or heatproof mat as a barrier between your concrete surface and hot cookware.

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**Resealing your concrete surface.**

Down the track you might want to consider re sealing your concrete surface. The timing of re sealing is dependent upon the frequency and intensity of use. As a general rule of thumb, most residential surfaces require an assessment for resealing every 5-7 years. Concrete surfaces in commercial spaces are generally used more frequently and intensely and may require an assessment more often.

When the time comes, feel free to get in touch with the team at Blend Concrete Design. We will be happy to assist you with the resealing of your concrete piece.