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Plastic Laminate Care and Maintenance

One of the great advantages of plastic laminate countertops is how easy they are to maintain. With regular cleaning and a few preventative measures, your countertops will stay beautiful for many years to come.

To clean your laminate surface, use a damp cloth or sponge and a mild soap or detergent. For persistent stains, make a paste out of baking soda and water and apply to the stain with a soft-bristled brush.

Excessive scrubbing or scrubbing with abrasive pads can damage the surface of the laminate. Storing steel wool pads on the laminate will cause rust stains. Avoid using drain cleaners containing lye, rust removers, toilet bowl cleaners and other harsh cleaners, as the chemicals can cause permanent damage to the surface of the laminate. If a spill does occur, wipe it off immediately with soapy water and rinse several times.

Do not place hot pots or dishes directly on the laminate, as this can lead to cracking or blistering.

Plastic laminate counters are made to resist scratches. However, they can be cut by knives or other sharp objects, so slice or chop food on a cutting board.