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Use and Care Guideline for Slate Worktops

Slate worktops are elegant, versatile, durable, and relatively low maintenance. Following these guidelines will ensure that your slate worktops remain in pristine condition for years to come:

- **Cleaning:** Surface cleaning is vital to keep the beauty of your slate worktops. Use a soft, mild detergent, stone cleaner, and warm water to wipe down the worktop. Avoid using abrasive cleaners and scouring pads on the worktops, as they can scratch the slate.
- **Avoid Harsh Chemicals:** Acidic or abrasive cleaning agents should be avoided, as they can damage the surface of the slate. Instead, opt for gentle, non-abrasive cleaners to ensure the longevity of your worktops.
- **Sealing:** Slate is naturally porous, so it's vital to seal the surface often to prevent staining and moisture penetration.
- **Heat Resistance:** Slate is highly resistant to heat, making it an ideal surface for kitchen worktops. However, it's still recommended to use trivets or hot pads when placing boiling pans or dishes to prevent any potential damage.
- **Avoid Sharp Objects:** While slate is durable, it can still be scratched or chip when hit by sharp objects. Avoid cutting directly on the surface of the worktops, and use cutting boards or mats to protect them from damage.
- **Wipe Spills Immediately:** Wipe up spills immediately to prevent staining. Even though slate is relatively resistant to staining, prolonged exposure to certain substances like wine, vinegar, or citrus juices can cause discolouration.
- **Regular Maintenance:** Check the condition of your slate worktops and reapply sealant as needed to ensure maximum protection.
- **Avoid Impact:** While the slate is durable, it can still be damaged by heavy impacts or excessive force. Avoid dropping heavy objects onto the worktops and take care when moving appliances or furniture to prevent accidental damage.
- **Prevent Water Damage:** Slate worktops are resistant to water, but prolonged exposure to moisture can still cause damage over time. Wipe up standing water promptly. Ensure the area around sinks and faucets is adequately sealed to prevent water infiltration.

Following these simple guidelines ensures that your slate worktops remain beautiful and functional for years. Routine care and maintenance will help preserve the natural beauty of the slate and protect your investment in your kitchen or bathroom.