# **CARE & MAINTENANCE**

Congratulations on the purchase of your Y J Stone® Quartz countertop.

The Y J Stone<sup>®</sup> is an elegant, durable and resilient countertop surface that will provide you with many years of satisfaction. Maintaining the quartz top is easy:

#### • Wipe up spills as soon as possible.

Quartz resists some stains for a short period of time. However, you should clean spills as soon as possible to avoid stains setting. Clean up spills immediately with water and mild detergent with a soft cloth.

Some spills that can permanently stain quartz are wine, coffee and tea.

# For everyday cleaning use a soft sponge or dishcloth with warm water.

For stubborn or greasy clean-ups use a gentle liquid cleaner.

Do not use harsh cleaning items such as "Goldilocks" pan scrubs or Scotch Brites<sup>™</sup> scrub sponges as they are abrasive & may contain chemicals that can damage the Quartz surface.

#### • AVOID extreme Temperature:

Use trivets or mats below hot pans, dishes, crock pots and electric skillets. Place coasters under drinks in cold glasses, particularly if the beverages contain citrus juice or alcohol. Quartz can resist temperatures up to 150°C, it can be damaged by quick changes in temperature, known as "thermal shock."

# • AVOID using knives directly on the quartz surface.

Use a cutting board placed on top of the counter when you want to slice or dice. Quartz countertops are highly scratch resistant, *but they are not scratch-proof* and can be damaged by sharp objects.

Using a cutting board - this will also help you to avoid dulling your sharp knives

# • AVOID harsh cleaners.

Don't clean your countertops with highly acidic or alkaline cleaners. If one of these comes in contact with your counter, clean the counter immediately with a mild detergent. Then rinse with water.

For example, don't use nail polish remover, turpentine, oven cleaner, bleach, drain cleaners, dishwasher rinsing agents, trichloroethane or methylene chloride or any products with a high or low PH. These chemicals can etch or discolour the stone.

# • AVOID pressure or force on your countertop.

Don't drop heavy objects onto your counters. Transport your countertops carefully if you ever need to move them. Excessive force can chip and crack the countertop surface. *Violating this warning may void your warranty* 

Remember that Y J Stone<sup>®</sup> Quartz is NOT chemical proof, heat proof, scratch proof or fracture proof. Be careful not to expose your stone top to any of these circumstances.