



Wooden countertop maintenance guide **J.O. NOËL HOULE ET FILS INC.**

Following these guidelines will be a major factor in preserving the original appearance of your wood countertop.

Regular maintenance

The following applies to the daily maintenance of a varnished or oiled wood countertop.

- Always clean your countertop with a mild, non-abrasive soap. Avoid commercial chemical cleaners that will alter the finish.
- Avoid placing a hot container on the countertop, which can burn and delaminate the countertop.
- Avoid placing wet containers on the countertop for a long period of time. This will cause rings.
- Items left on your countertop for a long period of time can cause discoloration since oil or varnish does not filter UV rays.
- We recommend using a cutting board when preparing food to facilitate maintenance. Cutting causes premature wear of the wood and restoration should be done on the full surface of the countertop, if applicable.

Restoring the finish

The following steps apply if the finish has become dull or if you want to restore your countertop to its original appearance. These steps can only be followed for oiled countertops and do not apply to varnished countertops.

- Clean the surface well with a neutral soap and let dry for 8 hours. In case the grain rises on your countertop, use a 220 grit sandpaper to do a light sanding.
- Using a brush, a flexible spatula or a squeegee, apply a thin layer of Rubio oil on the entire surface. Let stand for 5 minutes.
- Using a dry lint-free cloth, wipe the surface in a circular motion until you have removed the excess oil. When the excess has been completely removed, the surface is smooth and non-sticky (no resistance) when you move your cloth.
- Let the oil dry for 24 hours.
- Do not expose to water for 48 hours.

Repair

Rubio oil finished products can be easily repaired in case of breakage, staining, discoloration, scratches etc. In most cases, the repair can be done on site, without having to uninstall the product.

- First, completely remove the oil using the stripping process. To do this, sand the surface with sandpaper. The paper to use will depend on the resistance of the oil to the sanding. It is important to remove the oil completely.
- Start by using 180 grit sandpaper. If the sanding is too light, use a coarser grit paper. You should not use a paper larger than 120. Always finish the sanding with the 180 paper. Be careful to use the same level of sanding throughout, otherwise there will be visible demarcations when oiling.
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Caution: Rags used with Rubio oil should be soaked in water before disposal as they present a risk of self-combustion.

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