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## **GRANITE COUNTERTOPS: Pre-Installation Check List – page 1 of 2**

**Wolde Flooring** will install your new Granite Countertops in a manner that we hope will exceed your expectations. The following items are needed prior to templating that includes tearing out the old countertops.

### **Cabinets must be completely installed prior to templating.**

- Water must be turned off to the faucets.
- Power must be removed from garbage disposals
- Electricity and gas must be disconnected from cook top units.
- Old countertops must be removed prior to templating. **Wolde Flooring** can do this – upon request for an additional charge. Removal is scheduled on a separate day, usually a few days before installation.
- All base cabinets must be completely emptied.
- Provide the technician with the sink you have selected, the model of the cook top with the dimensions for the cutout and the number of faucets and spread of the faucet holes. The technician will ask you for this information.
- Provide any other information regarding additional holes to be cut into the granite countertops and the location, these holes could include soap dispensers, computer or phone wire access.
- If ordering granite backsplash, specify the width to be used. The standard width is four inches. However, if you are planning on keeping the current tile, wallpaper or paint on the walls behind the new granite countertops our four inch standard width may not be sufficient. Please review this with the Technician to determine what width will work well for your plans.
- Make certain the Technician reviews with you the location of any seams that may be necessary for your project.

The Installers and Template Technicians from **Wolde Flooring** are not insured nor licensed to do electrical, plumbing or cabinetry work. If **Wolde Flooring** is contracted to tear out existing countertops please be advised that while our crews will be as careful as possible there is a risk that walls, wallpaper or other wall treatments may be damaged in the process and that we will not be responsible for repairs to same.

Prior to Installation of your new Granite Countertops here is how to prepare your home. Granite is a stone and can weigh up to 20 pounds per square foot. Consequently, granite countertops are not easy to maneuver.

### **Here is what you can do to aid the process:**

- Clear the path that the installers will be using to get to the installation point. This would include throw rugs, plants, and pet dishes.



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- No the Installers cannot remove their shoes, they are necessary to avoid slipping while moving the heavy granite.
- Remove any wall hangings along the pathway
- If you are having a cook top installed we will have to cut the hole for the cooktop after the piece has been installed in your kitchen. The reason for this is that the narrow edges left at the front and back of a cook top cutout are not sufficiently strong to support the rest of the granite during transportation and installation. These narrow edges would crack and break before installation could be completed. This process of cutting the cook top cutout will generate a significant amount of dust.

### **So please:**

- Seal off adjacent rooms by taping plastic sheeting or drop cloths to the doorways.
- Place plastic sheeting over return air inlets for your duct system in the room where the cutting will take place.
- The Installers will try to minimize the amount of dust but they will not be able to capture all of it. The above actions will keep the dust from spreading to other rooms.
- If you have other contractors working in your home, please advise them that the granite countertop is not to be used as a workbench or as a stepladder to reach items above the countertop.
- Avoid stepping on the countertops at all times.