

COUNTERTOPS

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When you add a premium countertop to your home, you are increasing the value of your home. With premium countertops you will definitely impress your friends and make your neighbors envious.

What is the price of premium countertops? There is a wide range of pricing when it comes to premium countertops. Typically, countertops are priced per square foot based on the type of countertop material desired, but you also need to take into consideration attributes such as backsplash, cutouts, finished edges, and seams when factoring the total cost. Each material starts out at the same price point and goes up based on the raw material cost or brand name. Premium countertops for an average sized kitchen will cost about \$4,000, without a sink.

What details should I consider along with purchasing new countertops? New countertops can really add interest to any home, but it is the fine details added together that bring a new countertop together. There are many options when it comes to a new kitchen sink or faucet. You can also decide what type of backsplash or finished edge you want. Some customers use one material for their perimeter and another material for the island.

When should I select my countertops? Countertop material and color should be chosen prior to the installation of the cabinets. Once the cabinets are installed, the countertops can be installed.

How do I care for my countertops after they are installed? All of the countertop products are cared for in a different way, but it is important to follow simple instructions to help maintain your new countertops so that they last for years to come. There are several products to enhance and preserve the appearance of your countertops available at countertop shops.

Industry Trends

Today, the building and remodeling industry gears most projects towards natural stone inspired countertops. These can be found in the popular types of countertops, such as granite, quartz, and solid surface.

You can enhance your home with environmentally friendly countertops made from concrete, recycled glass or paper, or locally mined granite. There are many colors of granite that are mined right here in Minnesota.

A variety of countertop surfaces for the kitchen and bath are available today. There are many different attributes to each material, but after discussing and researching each, you will be comfortable selecting what is best for your home.