



What to Expect: COUNTERTOP INSTALLATION

Every countertop we build is different and each project has its own unique challenges. While an accurate template is essential to having the job go well, the installation is just as important. The material is heavy and often the route to the install location has doors, halls, corners, sometimes stairs. Safely installing the tops is our goal and there are things you can do to help us in that. Please take some time to review the items below as you prepare for your install. These things will help the install go much more smoothly.

The Preparation

New Cabinets: Removing drawers and items in the base cabinets is helpful. It keeps items cleaner and allows us to access the underside of the countertop to secure it to the cabinets. Go ahead and fill upper cabinets, we usually don't have to mess with those but please have the sink base cabinet empty.

Existing countertops: If we are doing the tear out, please have the countertop cleaned off and the drawers removed if you are able. If we are not doing the tear out, please have tops removed prior to our arrival. If you had temporary tops and sink put on the new cabinets, please remove these prior to our arrival as well. Please empty the sink base cabinets. We will need get in the cabinet to mount the sink.

Sinks: Undermount sinks not provided by Blasius Inc. MUST be on the job site prior to the install so we can mount it to the countertop. If we took the sink at time of template or if we are providing the sink, we will bring it with us to install.

Faucets: Faucets, soap dispensers, hot and cold water dispenser, or any other item requiring a hole must be on site at the time of installation so we can drill the hole and ensure they fit properly. If a return trip is necessary to drill holes, a trip charge may be assessed. Please have a decision maker on site to decide faucet placement.

Appliances: Cooktops should be on site at time of install so we can set in place to ensure it fits properly. Dishwashers are helpful to be in place but not required. If the dishwasher requires fastening at the top we will supply a metal mounting strip however a side mount dishwasher is the preferred choice for Cambria tops which cannot be screwed into. We may need to move your stove to get the tops in safely as well.

Access Route: Having paths cleared and items moved that could be damaged if accidentally bumped is very helpful. It is also helpful having the driveway clear of snow in the winter and adequate space to back in and park. It is also necessary to prop doors open to get tops in so please move pets (and at time children) to a secure location to prevent escape.

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The Process

For most projects the installers will arrive and assess the access route, take precautions necessary to protect the home, and begin bringing tops in either by hand or on a cart. Tops will be placed on the cabinets and leveled. At times shimming on top of the cabinets may be necessary to ensure a flat countertop and seam.

Confirming Details: Installers like to go over faucet placement with the homeowner before drilling. A decision maker should be on site during the installation. Additionally, other questions may arise so having someone available to answer questions is very helpful.

Duration: An install can take anywhere from 30 minutes to all day depending on the size of the project, but an average kitchen takes a couple hours to complete. We often have several jobs to complete in a day so the installers are usually focused on the task at hand but feel free if you would like to take photos of the process or if you have questions we will try to answer as best we can.

On site Work: The countertop installation is a construction process and often requires cutting, drilling, and gluing on site. This can create some dust and odors. If possible, we cut outside and we try to leave things cleaner than when we arrive, but some residual dust may settle. Additionally, the tops often are large, very heavy, and difficult to get into place. Occasionally damage to the walls and cabinets occurs. We take precautions to try to prevent this from happening, but we recommend final wall finish (painting, wall paper, tile, etc.) be done after the tops are installed in case some minor wall repair is necessary. Such incidental damage is often unavoidable and part of the construction process and not the responsibility of Blasius to repair or compensate unless deemed avoidable.

Plumbing reconnection: Your sink is placed inside the cabinet and then lifted and glued to the countertop with silicone and mechanical fasteners. We recommend allowing the silicone used to mount the undermount sink a minimum of 8 hours to cure before connecting the plumbing to ensure the seal is fully set however it can be done sooner if the plumber is careful. Our installers do not reconnect plumbing.

Care and Maintenance: Our installer will go over how to care for your countertop and leave care and maintenance info as well as warranty info at completion of install. If you have any questions after the install, please contact us at 989-871-5000 and ask for our customer service department