

STONE CARE & MAINTENANCE



The first step in stone maintenance is the sealing of the stone. Generally, all stone must be sealed. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for the sealer you use. Knowing the surface type (polished, honed, or natural) coupled with the density and porosity of the stone will determine the best type (petroleum or water based) of sealer to be used.



Post Installation Cleaning

Do not attempt to clean new installations for a minimum of 24 hours after completing the grouting process. After 24 hours remove loose dirt by vacuuming or sweeping.

Follow directions and prepare a cleaning solution using warm water and a neutral pH cleaner such as Miracle Sealants Mira Clean #1 (read and follow all manufacturer's instructions). These types of cleaners are available from Stone tile.

Thoroughly clean the stone, including grout joints, using a nylon scrub brush or nylon scrub pad following manufacturer's directions.

Rinse thoroughly with clean warm water and allow to dry. A second rinsing may be required to completely remove all traces of the cleaning solution.

Regular Maintenance

Immediately wipe up spills and messes. Use pH neutral cleaners and soapless detergents such as Mira Clean #1 for daily cleaning. Rinse the stone and grout thoroughly to remove any remaining cleaner.

Agitate grout joints with a soft bristled brush to loosen debris. Thoroughly rinse, dry, and polish cleaned areas.

Other Maintenance Information Natural Stone

Most stones, once protected, require occasional scrubbing to remove surface build-up of dirt and grime. Use a neutral cleaner such as Miracle Sealants Mira Clean #1, apply cleaner as directed, rinse using clean water.

Towel drying after rinsing removes streaks especially on polished surfaces.

On some types of stone, you can apply coatings to produce a "wear layer" or "sacrificial coating", but this may change the look of the stone. The stone may then require more maintenance to maintain the beauty of the floor.

On honed (smooth but not polished) or slate (rough) finish stones, a good scrubbing is required more often due to the texture of the product holding the dirt to the surface. A good penetrating sealer cuts down on the frequency of this task.

Most stones will be easy enough to maintain with a high quality sealer and regular maintenance.

Read and follow all manufacturer's instructions on any product you use.

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