

PORCELAIN & STONE TILE

KEEPING IT CLEAN

- Sand, grit, and dirt can damage tile surfaces because they are abrasive.
- Use a vacuum on your floor if it's textured. But avoid the beater bar. Those bristles are tough and might scratch your flooring.
- An old-fashioned dust mop works well, as does a broom. Wet mop as needed.
- Walk-off mats or area rugs on either side of entrances from the outside will help collect dirt before it reaches your beautiful new floor. Choose a rug or mat with a non-slip surface.
- Pad the feet of your furniture with felt pads or some other kind of protector to guard against damage.
- Wipe up spills immediately to prevent staining.
- As with all new tile, it's important to maintain the caulking in areas that are susceptible to water. You don't want water seeping under your flooring. Remember that each stone has its own level of porosity. The more porous the stone, the more likely it will stain.

WHAT PRODUCT TO USE TO CLEAN THE TILE

Damp mopping your natural stone floor will help keep it looking beautiful. We recommend Miracle Sealants Tile and Stone Cleaner. It can be located at most home improvement stores; however you can visit their web-site for more information, www.miraclesealants.com

Don't use products that contain lemon juice, vinegar or other acids on marble, limestone, or travertine. Avoid abrasive cleaners or any ammonia-based cleaners. These products will dull the floor's luster. Retail grout cleaners, scouring powders or bathroom tub and tile cleaners can mar the finish on your stone.

RESEALING TILE AND GROUT

Your tile and grout should be resealed every 1-2 years depending on the amount of traffic or abuse the area receives. We recommend using Miracle Sealants 511 Impregnator Penetrating Sealer. It can be located at most home improvement stores; however you can visit their web-site for more information, www.miraclesealants.com. Before resealing your tile the surface must be clean and dry; then apply the sealer by following the manufacturer's application instructions.