



— GREAT NORTHERN — STONE

CERAMIC TILE CLEANING RECOMMENDATIONS From Great Northern Stone

Always Remember “Low Maintenance is NOT No Maintenance”

To keep your ceramic or porcelain tile looking its best from day one, please follow these guidelines:

1. If you have not already done so, have your grout sealed with an impregnating, breathable sealer. This process will do little for the tile (for some porous ceramics it works), but will keep your grout its original colour longer. It will still require cleaning, but it will protect from staining.
2. Dustmop floors frequently. Use a statically charged, nontreated dustmop to keep dust and grit to a minimum.
3. Spot mop or wipe as needed. If you drop something, wipe it up immediately. Overmopping is the number one cause for grout discolouration. Mop water holds dirt after you wring your mop out for the first time, resulting in the mop actually spreading dirt around. This dirty water sits in the recessed grout lines. The water evaporates (or worse soaks in) leaving the dirt deposited in the tiny micro pores in the grout lines, thus causing the discolouring. If you require frequent cleaning, follow these recommendations for regular cleaning of floors:
 - a. Dust mop
 - b. Wet floor with a neutral cleaner (available through janitorial supply stores)
 - c. Agitate solution on floor to loosen dirt
 - d. Remove solution with a quality wet vacuum with a janitorial grade wand (this will remove almost all standing water and dirt). Cheap wands and vacuums will not sufficiently remove water and dirt to prevent discolouring of the grout.
 - e. If floor was extremely dirty, it would be wise to rinse with fresh water and extract with your vacuum.
 - f. Wring out a clean rinse mop so that it leaves no water on the floor. Use this to remove any moisture (like a sponge) that the vacuum may have missed or streaks.
4. Enjoy your tile!