

PORCELAIN & CERAMIC TILE CARE & MAINTENANCE

Tile is one of the most durable and maintenance friendly surfaces for walls and floors. Proper care & maintenance will retain its original beauty and luster for many years. Be sure to clean up spills as soon as possible and use floor protectors on furniture legs to reduce cleaning and wear.

Floor Tile

- Place floor mats inside and outside of exterior entryways to avoid damage from tracked-in dirt.
- Dirt is abrasive and can mar the flooring surface. Sweep, vacuum or dust regularly to prevent loose dirt from being tracked-in to minimize scratches, wear patterns and grout soiling that can develop from everyday use and traffic.
- Damp mopping with a pH-balanced neutral cleaner and warm water. Use a cotton mop, cloth, sponge, or non-metallic brush and thoroughly rinse to remove any cleaning solution residue after washing. Stay off the floor until it is completely dry, as wet tile floors may be slippery.

Do not use a detergent on glazed tile, since soap film will give a dull appearance to the tile.

Do not wax, polish or buff, simply wiping glazed tile with a damp sponge or mop will maintain the luster.

Do not use scouring powders; these products contain abrasives that may scratch the surface of the tile.

Do not use vinegar or any cleaners containing acids or strong alkaline agents to clean.

A variety of cleaning products are available, which to use will vary depending on application, amount of traffic and use. Use low VOC, neutral pH, non-hazardous, non-polluting products.

Wall Tile

Bathroom tile may require a more thorough routine cleaning because of a build-up of soap scum, body oils or hard-water stains.

- Use a clean, damp cloth, or sponge with a neutral pH cleaner, allowing it to stand about five minutes before rinsing and drying. Using a squeegee after each use can help minimize build-up
- Highly polished tile surface should be polished dry with a soft absorbent cloth after cleaning to eliminate the buildup of hard-water residue and to maintain the high polished finish.

After each use and leave curtain or door open between showers to allow for maximum ventilation and moisture escape.