

Care & Maintenance / Ceramic Tiles

Tile is known for its easy cleaning and water resistance. One of the most important aspects of cleaning your tile floor is making sure dirt and spills do not have a chance to get comfortable.

Sweep or vacuum floors to remove any dust or debris before using any cleaning products. Plain water or a damp-mop is generally all that is required to keep the tile clean. Damp-mop your tile floor at least once each week (more frequently for heavy traffic areas) to lessen wear and abrasion from dirt particles and soil.

Glazed tile products should be cleaned routinely with an all-purpose, non-oil based household or commercial cleaner. The product chosen should also be grout joint cleaning compatible. Use an everyday multipurpose spray cleaner to remove soap scum, hard water deposits, and mildew on wall tiles in your bath or shower. The type of product may vary depending on the tile application and use.

Routine cleaners should never contain acids or ammonia. Acids can damage the grout and the glazed surface of the tile, and ammonia can discolor the grout.

Tips for Preventing Damage

- Test scouring powders and sealants on small area before cleaning the full area.
- Use a sealer on grout joints shortly after installation and use products compatible with cleaning grout joints.
- After cleaning, rinse the entire area with clear water to remove any cleaning solution residue.
- Have any damaged or broken tile removed and replaced only by a qualified tile contractor.

What to Avoid

- Cleaners containing acid or bleach shouldn't be used for routine maintenance.
- Wax-based cleaners and oil-based detergents, and use sealants on grout joints only.
- Harsh cleaning aids like steel wool pads or any scouring pads containing metal shouldn't be used on tile.
- Unglazed tile should not be cleaned with an agent that contains color.

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