

Routine Care and Maintenance for Ceramic Tile Floors and Grout

Tile and stone surfaces are beautiful and durable. Contrary to popular belief, they are not maintenance free. These surfaces need to be cleaned and maintained to achieve the results you expect and desire.

DO's – these are behaviors owners *should do* when maintaining their ceramic tile floors and grout.

DO Sweep or vacuum floor areas prior to cleaning.

DO Clean your tile floor using a damp mop once a week.

DO Use a proper neutral pH cleaner (pH7). It cleans but does not harm the tile or grout.

DO Use a nylon brush to remove dirt from grout. The grout is slightly recessed and can accumulate dirt and eventually discolor the grout.

DO Rinse entire flooring area with clean water to remove any residue build up or mold and mildew growth.

DO Use a mop, along with nylon brush, to properly clean tile and grout joints.

DO Seal grout joints with a high quality penetrating/impregnating sealer if you are concerned with retaining the natural grout color. **

DO Use felt or similar leg protection to metal, iron, wood or plastic furniture that could scratch or dull the tile surface.

DO Use walk off mats or rugs at entrances to prevent dirt and grit from being tracked onto tile floors. Tile is scratch resistant but no scratch proof.

**No sealing is required if the InColor Advanced Grout System was used during your tile installation.

DONT's – these are behaviors owners *should not do* when maintaining their ceramic tile floors and grout.

DON'T Use cleaners that contain acids or ammonia.

DON'T Use vinegar or cleaners that contain chlorines. These harsh products can discolor the grout and/or surface of the tile floors.

DON'T Use detergent or soap because it can dull the surface.

DON'T Use wax, oil-based, abrasive cleaners or sealants.

DON'T Use steel wool pads to remove tough debris or stains.

Routine Care and Maintenance for Glass Tile

DO's – these are behaviors owners *should do* when maintaining their glass tile.

DO Wipe loose dirt or grease from surface. An untreated paper towel or cloth works best.

DO Use wash the surface with mild detergent, degreaser or cleaning solution.

DO Rinse thoroughly with clean water if a detergent was used.

DO Dry with a clean cloth or paper towel to increase shine and prevent water spots.

DONT's – these are behaviors owners *should not do* when maintaining their glass tile.

DON'T Use scouring pads, steel wool, sandpaper or other abrasive products.

DON'T Use cleaners containing ammonia, bleach, abrasives or other hazardous/polluting compounds.