

## **Routine Care and Maintenance for Natural Stone**

Natural stone is a very durable surface when protected and maintained properly. Natural stone is widely used in residential and commercial applications.

### **Do's:**

**DO** Sweep or vacuum your floors regularly.

**DO** Mop regularly with a proper neutral pH cleaner and water.

**DO** Rinse thoroughly with clean water to remove any left-over cleaning agents.

**DO** Dry with clean cloth or rag to increase shine and prevent water spots.

**DO** Protect your stone from sand and grit because floors may scratch from dirt and debris.

**DO** Be careful with acidic foods and drinks (lemonade, orange juice, etc.) because they may etch certain stones.

**DO** Tend to spills quickly. Sealers do not prevent 100% of damage caused by spills.

**DO** Use door mats inside and out along with runners and area rugs due to grit, dirt and sand carried in by our shoes are abrasive and will wear and scratch natural stone floor tile.

### **Don'ts:**

**DON'T** Use soap, acids, bleach, ammonia, or alcohol on natural stone.

**DON'T** Apply wax or acrylics to the surface because they can damage the stone.